

GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE.

Table with advertising rates: 1 week, 2 weeks, 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 1 year.

SPRAY OF THE FALLS.

Dr. Fairfield now occupies his new office. Will Kennedy made a trip to Belt this week.

Chas. Crowder paid a visit to Nehart last week.

H. A. Fry returned from a trip to Fort Benton Monday.

A telephone line between here and Fort Shaw is being considered.

Under Sheriff Westervelt was up from Benton one day last week.

The Gibson arrived here last week and will remain during the winter.

The Higgins House recently opened in this place, is doing a good business.

Dan McKay and Frank Hay have just finished burning a kiln of excellent lime.

On this page will be found a very interesting letter from our Helena correspondent.

The addition to Beachley Bros. & Hickory's building is being pushed forward rapidly.

George D. Budgeing is at Benton this week, introducing his Grenade fire extinguishers.

Owing to the plasterers being at work at the school house, no school was held this week.

BOUN—At Rock Creek, Benton road, December 5 1885, to the wife of Charles Wegner, a daughter.

WANTED—A girl to cook and do laundry work for a family of four. Inquire at this office.

We notice that Chris. Dickinson is making numerous improvements about his meat market.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clingan, of Belt, have gone to the States and will be absent about two months.

The firm of Lough & Quail has been dissolved. Jerry Quail will continue the business at the old stand.

A good girl or woman by addressing this office can learn of a situation where she can command good wages—money being no object.

Ed. Canary is erecting a building on his property on First avenue south, which will be occupied by Robert Moore, our tonsorial artist.

Chas. Wegner returned to the Falls last Tuesday. He will go to Sun River next week to take stock of his firm's lumber yard at that place.

After several unsuccessful attempts, winter has evidently taken possession. The first installment of the "beautiful" put in appearance Tuesday.

The ad. "etter" on the Town Talk is a daisy. We suspect Chapman is the artist. It bears some resemblance to him, only a little handsomer, if such is possible.

We received a pleasant call from Messrs. Samuel Bord and Jacob Schmidt, two of Choteau's substantial citizens, who made their first visit to Great Falls one day this week.

The Rocky Mountain Houseman, in its Territorial News in the current issue, gives the TRIBUNE credit for an item that makes us feel decidedly foolish. We will not father it.

A case was tried before Judge Huy last Saturday, in which a well puppy figured prominently. We did not learn any of the particulars and therefore will not mention any names.

Robert Williams, while hunting on Box Elder creek one day last week, run on a full grown wild cat, which, after some little trouble, he killed. When discovered, the cat was feasting on a sheep, which he had evidently killed.

Pat Sweeney, Ira Myers & Co.'s foreman, who has charge of the outfit cutting timber for their mill at this place, was down from the mountains last week. He says they are getting out fine logs, and expect to make a drive about the first of March.

In another column will be found a letter from the sister of George Murdoch, who died here several months ago. The lady desires the address of any of his intimate friends, who will confer a favor if they will communicate with her.

Our readers will remember the attempted robbery of the Helena & Marysville coach some time ago by John Jackson, an account of which was published in these columns at the time. He was sentenced last week to ten years imprisonment for the crime.

In our last issue we failed to mention the effect of the heavy wind which prevailed on the previous Thursday. It was a "terror," in fact a "holy terror," and while it did no damage to amount to anything here, yet we will be satisfied not to have a repetition of it again.

The Knights of Pythias lodge recently organized at Choteau has a membership of ten. The following are the officers: P. C., Jas. W. Armstrong; C. C., Ernest Crutcher; V. C., W. H. Black; P., A. B. Hamilton; M. of E., P. Wilde; M. of P., I. N. Hazlett; K. of R. & S., E. C. Garrett; M. at A., O. G. Cooper.

George Warner, proprietor of the Helena and Great Falls express line, was in town this week, and informed us he is doing a rattling business, and early in the spring will make two trips every week. This is the line to patronize when you go to Helena—and please remember it.

Christmas is drawing nigh, and why not observe the day by having a Christmas tree? We are authorized to announce that a meeting will be held at the school house next Saturday evening, at which it is hoped there will be a full attendance, when it will be decided whether it is advisable to have a tree or not.

There is a class of "Kitters" that are always trying to find some mistake made by others. They are generally objects of compassion rather than censure and the chances are ten to one that their lives have been one great mistake, and to even up the deficiency they are eternally looking out for a blunder made by some one else.

Robert Vaughn has just completed a fence, running from the ferry landing on the Missouri river, to the Montana Cattle company's ranch. The fence is two miles in length and encloses about 1,000 acres of choice grazing land, on which he will turn his herd of thoroughbred cattle next spring. He has leased the land enclosed for a term of years, and will devote considerable attention to the breeding of fine cattle.

H. O. Chown, one of the proprietors of the Cataract Roller Mill, met with a painful accident one day this week. He was assisting in unloading a load of hay, and the wagon, which was standing on an incline, suddenly started backward, while he was standing on the front of the rack, throwing him off. He landed on a plank driving way in such a manner as to throw his whole weight on his left arm, and sustained a fracture of one of the small bones of that member, just above the wrist joint.

The emigration department of the Northern Pacific yesterday received a car load of potatoes grown in the Bitter Root valley, Montana. The shipment was made as an experiment, Col. Grosz wishing to satisfy himself and others that this vegetable could be with safety shipped that distance at this season of the year. The shipment was made in a refrigerator car, and the potatoes when arrived were in excellent condition. The Montana potato is remarkable for its exceptional size and sweetness. Pioneer Press.

For some time, says the Courier, parties have been on the Crow reserve making surveys preparatory to allotment of lands to the Indians in severalty. We learn that the plan of the general government is to convey to each head of a family 200 acres—one-half agricultural and the remainder grazing land, and to each child or unmarried person of Indian blood 80 acres of agricultural and an equal amount of grazing land. It is also contemplated, eventually, to attach the remainder of the extensive and valuable reservation to the public domain and throw it open for settlement.

W. S. Wetzel, who has been a member of the board of county commissioners for several years, yesterday handed his resignation to Probate Judge Spencer, who to day appointed M. J. Leaming to fill the vacancy thus occasioned. Col. Leaming, we believe, will make a good commissioner. He is a lawyer and will see that the board does not get off wrong on legal points, and in addition to this will bring to bear good judgment, hard common sense and strictest integrity in the management of county affairs. The appointment is a good one, as all will admit. River Press.

A Helena special to the Pioneer Press says: There is a singular coincidence about the Democratic appointments in this Territory, inasmuch as they all represent the Missouri element or else their good luck is attributable to Missourians. Ex-Delegate Maginnis seems to have been entirely left out in the cold, as none of his political friends have received any favors. The northern part of the Territory and the Missoula country, which were his strongholds, have been entirely ignored in passing the plums. It is rumored that Mr. Meyendorff, the meteor of the assay office, is to be succeeded by a Republican of this city, whose name has not been made public.

We are in receipt of a neat book of nearly 200 pages entitled "The Industries of Minnesota." It is profusely illustrated, and with a very interesting work. It gives a clear and concise history of the early settlement of that place, and the many adverse circumstances which seemingly combined to deter its growth, but despite which, the natural advantages the situation offered finally triumphed, and today Minneapolis is not only the greatest manufacturing center in the west, but is the greatest milling and lumber center in the world. What the future holds in store for her is difficult to conjecture, for in the past she has more than fulfilled the fondest expectations of her most ardent admirers.

Stockmen in northern Montana are all wearing a contented smile. The past fall has been exceptionally fine and range stock—particularly cattle, which suffer most from the weather—have a fine coat of fat over their ribs which will help them through the winter without serious loss, even should it prove to be a very hard one. The cattle are all healthy, no disease of any kind being reported. The horse disease, which proved fatal to a large number of horses in the Chestnut county, has abated and no new cases are reported, and it is fair to presume the disease has been entirely eradicated. Old stockmen say that stock have not for a number of years been in as favorable a condition to withstand the most rigorous kind of a winter as they are now.

Last Monday a party of hunters discovered near Bullhead station a band of

seventeen wolves devouring the carcass of a yearling steer which, from appearances, they had just killed. The animals were apparently very hungry, and allowed the party to get at close quarters, before they made any attempt to escape, and six of their number were killed. The steer was in good condition, and it is a matter of some surprise that the wolves managed to kill it. This is a matter of grave importance to stockmen. If at this season of the year, when stock is strong and in good condition, they are not able to withstand the attacks of these animals, what will be the result during the winter, when they become weak, and the wolves become more ravenous and bold? This is something which our stockmen must act upon immediately if they want their books to show a balance on the right side at the next round-up.

The following is said to be the latest story on X. Bellier: While in this section of the Territory with the agent delivering the Montana History, he stopped one day at a ranch for dinner. While he was attending to his rabbits and backboard outside he noticed a calf that wore a wire muzzle to prevent it from sucking. Evidently, this was a new thing to X. At least he let it appear so. He started for the house and told the ranchman that he had better hurry out and attend to that calf, for it was going to die. The farmer bustled out immediately, followed by X, and when the muzzled calf was pointed out to by the latter, said: "There is nothing the matter with that calf, it's all right." "All right!" said X, "the darned critter's been eating wire fence. Don't you see it sticking out of its mouth?" It is needless to say that the farmer saw the fence and the point at the same time.

Again, we wish to call the attention of our patrons who are engaged in ranching to the importance of securing a good quality of wheat for seed next year. There is no money in raising a poor, miserable quality of wheat when a good quality can be raised without any more trouble or expense, other than the purchase of the seed. There are a number of different varieties of hard wheat which can be raised here successfully. Among the varieties is that known as the Hard Scotch Fife, which yields well in this climate, makes an excellent quality of flour, and is in fact a variety which is suited in every respect to this latitude. Mort L. Strong, of Sun River, raised 800 bushels of this variety, this year, which yielded 37 bushels per acre, machine measurement, and anyone desiring to procure a quantity of it for seed should write to him immediately, as he is finding a ready sale for it.

We learn that the wiser heads in Benton are of the opinion that considerable trouble will be experienced by the C. P. officials in securing the right of way from the international boundary line to Benton, as the road will be obliged to run for a greater portion of the way through the Indian reserve, and to run through which the consent of Congress will have to be obtained. It is argued that the Northern Pacific will use every available means in their power to defeat the measure, and as they have strong influence at the capital, they will undoubtedly make it decidedly interesting, if they do not succeed in defeating it outright. This is, of course, a matter of business, and while we trust they will not succeed in keeping the C. P. out, yet they cannot be blamed if they make the attempt, which there is no question but that they will. This portion of Montana, beyond question, is N. P. territory, and so long as they can keep out competition, will control it.

We understand the enterprising people of Choteau and vicinity have subscribed sufficient money to build a bridge across the north fork of Sun river, and that the bridge will be built without delay. By bridging this stream the people of that section will be enabled at all times of the year to get in and out by this road to Helena and intermediate points, with a great saving of time and money. It speaks volumes for the commissioners of both Choteau and Lewis and Clarke counties, that they will sit idly by and see a public improvement of this kind built by private enterprise, when they have been petitioned times without number for assistance in the matter. Choteau county, at the present time, is probably excusable, as they have no money in the treasury, but plenty of debts. But it is different with Lewis and Clarke. They have money, but a decidedly unbusinesslike board of commissioners to expend it. It would be more to the credit of Lewis and Clarke county had they expended the amount of money it took to build the foundation for their new court house, in repairing the miserable roads which the county abounds in.

A correspondent writing to the Helena Herald, sums up the various resources of Montana in a very creditable manner, with one or two exceptions. In speaking of the manufacturing industry, he says: "Well, what are we going to manufacture? We have no hardwood. True, but we have the red or Oregon fir, which is as good if not better than the average hardwood that comes here in the plows, implement handles, etc. We can and ought to produce all our pork, bacon, hams and lard. All our own blankets and woolen goods. We have the best of wool. All our own printing, writing and wrapping paper. The best of material in old tents, wagon covers, cotton shirts, overalls, etc., is rotting about our farm houses. Our own powder. Freight is much cheaper on saltpetre and sulphur than on powder, and we have an abundance of alder and willow for coal. All our own common furniture and bedsteads. We have sheep and cottonwood in abundance. All our own tubs and pails. All our brooms. We can raise a small and finer broom corn than that which better brooms than those we get from the States. All our own matches. Hundreds of others will follow these, and we can grow food for them all. We have plenty of coal and the best of water power to drive them."

We understand a rancher living not more than one hundred miles from Nehart, got himself into serious trouble recently, at Stanford. A short time ago he (we will not mention his name) took a load of onions to the Judith country, and after disposing of them, had an opportunity to work with a party of threshers for a few days, which he accepted. On his return home he stopped over night at Stanford, intending to leave in the morning. But before he departed a number of small articles were missed, and suspicion rested upon him, and under various pretenses he was prevailed upon to remain for another night. Sometime during the day a search warrant was procured and the missing articles were found in his wagon, together with numerous others, afterwards identified by the threshers whom he worked with. At last all the stolen property was recovered except a meerschaum pipe, which he declared he knew nothing of, but a rope was procured, and he was given to understand that he was expected to produce the pipe, or climb the rope with his hands and legs tied together. He did not study long on the proposition, but produced the pipe, which he had concealed in a sack of oats. After this he was told to go and sin no more. It proved to be rather an expensive experience to him, and it is more than likely that he will not care to repeat it, as all he had when he got home was his horses.

During the month of October the price paid for wheat at Bismarck, Dakota, averaged 72 cents per bushel; at Jamestown 68 cents, and Valley City 70 cents.—Northwestern Miller.

The few who have claimed that the mill in this place has not been paying a fair price for wheat, will readily see from the above that the prices paid averages about 25 cent above the price paid for A No. 1 hard, in Dakota, where there is not only a much larger local trade, but they have the advantage of a direct route to the seaboard, and the great flour centers of the east. Besides this, there is strong competition, and every cent is paid for wheat that the market will stand. It should also be taken into consideration that the wheat raised here this year will not admit of comparison with the Dakota cereal. There is a considerable portion of the wheat which cannot be utilized here to advantage. The country is not sufficiently developed to furnish a ready market for bran and middlings, which in itself is an item of importance. Those who have talked of "not a fair deal" being the farmers by the proprietors of the mill, evidently failed to give the subject much thought or consideration, but hastily jumped at the conclusion that they were being robbed! If they had canvassed the subject they would readily have seen that it is to the interest of the proprietors of this mill to pay the highest possible price for wheat as a means of propagating the industry. It would be the height of folly for them to beat down the price of wheat, even if they felt so disposed, as their success depends wholly upon its future production, and if they were inclined to deal unfairly with the producers in the very beginning it is safe to predict they would meet with their reward for so doing. The proprietors are business men, and are not intent upon killing "the goose that lays the golden egg."

WHO ARE THEY?

CENTRAL, NEW ANNUM, Nova Scotia, November 27, 1885. Editor of the TRIBUNE: We saw in the Great Falls TRIBUNE of the 12th of September notice of the death of George Murdoch, and I think he was my brother by the description. If you know anything about him, or can send me the address of any of his chums, or anybody that was acquainted with him, I would be ever thankful to you for your kindness. The last letter I had from him he was in Gallatin county, Montana. Not knowing any person out there, I have written to you, hoping you will let me know something about him, and I will ever be thankful to you. JANE MILLER. Address, Mrs. ROBERT MILLER, Central New Annum Colchester, Co. Nova Scotia.

NOTICE—FOR SALE.

I will dispose of the following property cheap, for cash: A nice lot of mess pork at 9 cts. per pound; a good work team; a good cook stove, complete; Climax tobacco, 50 cts. per pound. Will dispose of any goods on hand cheap for cash, as I want to get rid of them before the anticipated flood next spring. J. S. DRYDEN, 360 ft. Sun River, Montana.

THE WEST SHORE.

With a magnificent number of more than twice the usual amount of letterpress and engravings, the West Shore closes the volume for 1885, the eleventh of its series. The December number is chiefly devoted to illustrating and describing the great Canadian Pacific Railway and the country through which it passes, especially the Pacific Coast Province of British Columbia. The volume for 1885 will begin with a magnificent number on the city of Portland, filled with new and artistic engravings, and accompanied by a large supplement in colors. The West Shore has no counterpart in the United States, and in its own peculiar field has never had a rival worthy of the name, the few cheap imitations which have occasionally sprung up coming early to grief. It deserves the success it has achieved by adhering to a high standard of merit, and as it is progressive in its policy, improving from month to month, it is certain to meet with the greater success which we heartily wish it for the future. Published at Portland, Oregon, at \$2 per annum. Subscribe for the TRIBUNE.

HELENA HAPPENINGS.

The Report of the Grand Jury and What People Think of It.—The Wise Ones Quietly Disposing of Their Tunnel Stock.

HELENA, MONT., Dec. 6, 1885.

Editor of the TRIBUNE: The principal topic of discussion for the past week has been the report of the grand jury on the construction of the court house. Though the grand jury was drawn by the county commissioners and contained many personal friends of theirs as well as relatives, yet the report was a scathing one and leaves only one of two things to be done by the commissioners: either to demand an investigation or to resign. What the merits of the case are I know not, but it is certain that these parties must clear their skirts or never expect the confidence of their fellows.

A new Judge has been appointed for the Bozeman district, and as usual, a carpet-bagger. This one is a Hoosier. What ability he has for filling this office remains to be seen. The Land Office is working well under Messrs. Langhorne and Howell, who after making the usual number of mistakes incident to a new field, will eventually make first-class officials.

By the way, it is to be hoped that steps will be taken to prevent the confirmation of Sparks, the General Land Office Commissioner, who is evidently a first-class crank—hesitates not to class the inhabitants of the Territories among thieves, and who overrides the laws of Congress with the utmost equanimity, hoping to gain cheap notoriety. One of his latest freaks is to decide that a party who has pre-empted land cannot commute a homestead claim, which is just precisely contrary to the decisions of the best lawyers who have been in the Land Office, from the late Vice President Hendricks down to recent ones. The effect is to discourage settlement and to retard the prosperity of the Northwest. Fortunately, the Secretary of the Interior and the United States courts can be resorted to, and will undoubtedly take down Sparks another peg, as was done in the timber matter through the efforts of Delegate Folsand others, who were acquainted with the interests of the Territories.

The Independent has opened broad sides on the late Assayer Harrison, and intimates that his vindication, so-called, was paid for in money. Quite a little stir was occasioned by the assault of the Probate Court clerk, familiarly called "Dijah," upon the Pioneer Press reporter, who had charged Stevenson with unlawfully dealing in county warrants. It is said that the clerk was the party referred to in the grand jury's report as being guilty of this crime.

The long talked of debut of Miss Helena P. Clark on the stage was a successful one in all respects. Miss Clark has long been a favorite in Helena society, not alone on account of her father, an old-time resident of Montana and a warm personal friend of Gen. Sherman, who wept over his classmate's grave when last in Montana, but her own good qualities have won her many friends. The part selected by Miss Clark was that of Meg Murillas in the play of Guy Mannering, founded upon Scott's novel. Her character is extremely difficult. Miss Clark, however, showed herself equal to it, and in her rendition showed positive genius and ability, which surprised the anticipation of her friends. She gave evidence of finely cultivated elocutionary powers, and I predict will make a mark upon the stage. Her support was not what could have been desired, though all that could be expected. The Union Pacific railroad has begun the construction of a line from Dillon to Helena. This will be a standard gauge, and the Independent intimates it will be extended to form part of a North and South line from Mexico to Humboldt Bay.

Engineer Barclay of the C. P., was in Helena Friday on his way to examine the mines of Butte. He announced himself as greatly impressed with the agricultural resources of Northern Montana—the future wheat raising section of the Northwest—and also with the Nehart mines, and the growth of the cattle and sheep interests of Choteau county.

The mining excitement is still raging, although some of the shrewd ones are quietly selling out Tunnel stock. The Red Mountain mines, however, are stated to be good properties, and there will be a vast amount of work done in that locality in the next six months. A number of the boys who bought seats in the Mining Exchange on the supposition that \$20 made them life members, are now howling because they find it was only for a year and that the fifteen incorporators are reaping the profits. "Of such is life in the far West." D. O'Krat.

A great religious revival is shaking up the people of the Schoharie valley, New York, under the preaching of Evangelist Eario of Boston.

Notice of Final Entry

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONT., Nov. 21, 1885. NOTICE is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Helena, M. T., on the 1st day of December, 1885. Ida A. Cole, who made D-S No. 1859, for the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 29, Township 18 N. R. 2 E. 22 W. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Arthur L. North, Fred Turner, Charles Turner, of Hillis, Meagher county, Montana, and John H. Mine, of Helena, M. T. S. W. LANGHORNE, Register. JOHN W. ENDT, Attorney, for claimant.

NOTICE OF FINAL ENTRY.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., November 20, 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 the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Helena, Montana, on January 4, 1886, viz: John W. Foulke, who made Preemption D-S No. 1818 for the NE 1/4, NE 1/4, and SE 1/4 SE 1/4 sections 2 and 3, T. 18 N., R. 2 E., 22 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William W. Fanning, Mrs. Rebecca Fanning, of Helena, Montana; and Isaac N. Jordan and Tyra M. Hubbard of Tully, Montana. S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

Patronize Home Industry! The CATARACT ROLLERMILL

Advertisement for Diamond Roller Mill, featuring "STRAIGHT" and "GOLD DUST" brands, and "Silver-Leaf".

Advertisement for Dunlap & Arthur, Groceries, Provisions, Hardware, Steel Nails, Etc.

Advertisement for Pioneer Hotel, Great Falls, Mont., featuring "Best Table and Most Comfortable Rooms of any Hotel in Great Falls."

Advertisement for Dexter's Ferry, Across the Missouri River above Sun river, IS NOW RUNNING.

Advertisement for SEED WHEAT OF THE SCOTCH FIFE VARIETY.

I have 800 bushels of this wheat produced on my Sun River Valley ranch, which I will dispose of for seedling purposes, only. The wheat is endorsed by the proprietors and miller of the Cataract Roller Mill at Great Falls.

Advertisement for COX & THEBO, featuring a horse illustration.

Advertisement for James Adams, featuring a cow illustration.

Advertisement for F S Goss, featuring a cow illustration.

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Advertisement for The Cochrane Rancho Co, featuring a cow illustration.

Advertisement for W. P. Turner & Sons, featuring a cow illustration.

Advertisement for Ed. Mathews, featuring a horse illustration.

Advertisement for THE WEST SHORE, Tenth Year of Publication.