

Every ranchman who comes in these days brings with him large tales of wonderful hunting, and as for the parties to leave on hunting tours, some of the stories would cause to blush the noble old prevaricator. Since the fall, up San river ducks are reported to be plenty and the various lakes about the vicinity are fairly alive with waterfowl victims for the huntman's gun.

Articles of incorporation of the Neihart Realty company were filed yesterday by W. C. Leistikow, J. Toombs, J. C. Cashel, of Grafton, N. D., and W. Tierney and T. E. Henley of Neihart, Meagher county, to purchase, buy and deal generally in all kinds of real estate, buildings, mining and other property, and for other industrial purposes. The capital stock is \$250,000 in \$100 shares. Helena Independent.

Mr. M. C. McFadden of Great Falls has assumed the professorship of the river public school in place of Miss Johnson of Helena to whom the place was tendered by the school trustees but was declined on account of other engagements. Professor McFadden comes with the most flattering testimonials as to his ability and industry as a teacher. The school will be opened on the 7th proximo. Sun River Sun.

Harrison Dockery, a resident of Belt, has granted a writ of habeas corpus yesterday. His petition states that Frank Lewis of Armstrong is unlawfully detaining his children—Pearl, aged 10, and Eva, aged 13—that he desires to send them to St. Peter's mission, and that Lewis has hidden Pearl in the house of David Roberts. The matter is for hearing next Tuesday.

C. H. Clark has returned from the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W., during the recent session of which he was chosen Grand Overseer. The next grand lodge meeting will be held in Great Falls, if possible during the August races. Next year the supreme lodge meets at Helena and an excursion will be run to this point during the meeting. C. Wegner was delegate of Great Falls lodge.

Bert Pinney, the young gentleman whose hand was mangled at the Troy Steam laundry, is reported to be doing as well as possible. There are good grounds for thinking his hand will be saved.

Suit was begun yesterday in Judge Rice's court by Joseph Jonas against Anthony Koehler and A. Eggert. The suit is founded on different constructions of the lease for Park Island.

The TRIBUNE is in receipt of a unique table ornament known as a mail opener and inscribed with the name of Phil Gibson.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fontana died Thursday evening at 9 o'clock.

John Fleming left yesterday for Chicago, where he will load 40 cars with the cattle of Kingsbury & Price.

Seven acres of oats belonging to Hon. Paris Gibson and located near the city were recently cut and threshed. The crop averaged 100 bushels to the acre.

Robt. Blankenbaker has just returned from the Judith country where he purchased 3,000 head of mutton of J. B. Long. The latter has bought up to date about 15,000 Montana wethers.

C. M. Shaw remarked yesterday that he had seven acres of potatoes which would yield from 250 to 300 bushels per acre. A man, he thought, who had planted a fair amount ought this year to easily make all the expense of growing up and something more.

H. O. Chown has secured the lot formerly owned by Gibson & Renner, which which adjoins his own, and is now contemplating the erection of a building which shall have seventy-five feet front. As nothing definite has yet been decided on no description can be given of the building. It will without doubt be of such a character as not to suffer by comparison with the magnificent structure just below it.

The Benton & St. Louis Cattle company held their annual meeting yesterday in the parlors of the Northwestern National bank. Officers elected were President, C. E. Conrad; vice president, I. G. Baker; treasurer, W. G. Conrad; secretary, Jos. A. Baker; general manager, John Harris. A dividend was declared. The amount of this could not be ascertained, but it was estimated at about \$100,000.

The Cataract Mill company will begin immediately the repair of the temporary dam at the railroad bridge, and in about two weeks the flooring will begin operations for the season. Some needed repairs are now being made at the mill, which, when completed, will put it in first class condition. There has been wheat enough raised in northern Montana this year to bury the mill out of sight, and it will doubtless be kept busy without stop for the next year.

It was a business man, yesterday, and one of no small prominence, who made a very odd remark. The conversation had turned to an invariable subject, hard times, when glancing across the river he suddenly exclaimed: "You'll see livelier times before another month. See those Indian tepees? Well, that's a sure sign of better times. I never knew it to fail." Of course a smile went round, but his conviction remained unshaken. "Funny," he said again, "but it's so. I've watched it for four years."

Ira Myers and E. G. Macley returned last evening from a business visit to Neihart, Barker and the Wolf creek mining district. They report much activity at Neihart, and think the Wolf creek district is destined to be a most important one. The gentlemen secured during their hasty trip bonds on two different mining properties, but are not yet ready to enter into details regarding the same. "We can only say," said Mr. Myers, "that they will be heard from in due time. They promise to be daisies!"

Sticks "Spanish Girl" cigar. Best cigar in town. Great Falls Tobacco Co. a12-1f

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Arrest of Parties Charged with Tampering with the Mail.

ARMINGTON, Aug. 23.—[Special to the TRIBUNE.]—Deputy United States Marshal Terhune passed here this afternoon having in custody the postmaster, deputy, and clerk of Mann postoffice, who are suspected of tampering with the mails on the Billings and Neihart routes.

TAMPERING WITH THE MAILS.

The Postoffice Officials at Mann Arrested—Their Arraignment.

There are very few people in the country about Great Falls who have not experienced various inconveniences by reason of the mail service. Especially has this been true about Neihart and Monarch. Just where the trouble has been could not be discovered. One merchant of this city says he has sent as many as a dozen packages over this route, no one of which ever reached its destination.

For a week past Postoffice Inspector Sackett of Helena has been trying to discover where the trouble lay. Suspicion fastened itself on the Mann postoffice. At this point the office is kept by Mrs. A. D. Barnum, assisted by her son Ed F. and her daughter Maud. On Tuesday last two decoy letters and three packages of merchandise were sent from the Armstrong postoffice. The letters were registered, one containing a \$2 silver certificate and the other \$2 in silver. Both were marked so as to be easily identified. There was also a letter containing money and not registered. The letters went to Mann and were forwarded from there. When they reached Kibbey, six miles beyond, they were examined and it was found that the envelopes had been very skillfully opened and the money extracted. One of the packages was also missing. No trace has been found of the letter, not registered, and neither was the missing merchandise discovered. As a great deal of merchandise has been lost it is the opinion of the inspector that no small amount may be concealed in the immediate vicinity.

On Friday evening Officer Terhune and the inspector left Great Falls with a team from Mann reaching there yesterday morning. The office was searched and among the stage and postoffice money, for Mrs. Barnum is also agent for the stage company, were found part of the two dollars in silver. The \$2 bill was discovered among a roll of bills. The parties were accordingly arrested and brought to this city. They were arraigned before Commissioner Pomeroy last evening and waived preliminary examination. The case against Miss Barnum was dismissed, the others being held in \$500 bonds to answer in the United States court at Helena. Bonds were furnished by J. A. Carrier and T. W. Brosnan.

For the government appeared Judge McDonald of Helena. Mrs. Barnum and son both protested their innocence very strongly. She is evidently a very cultured lady. In the neighborhood of Mann the parties are said to possess a fair reputation.

The mail to Mann is a daily one. When it reaches there it remains twenty-four hours on alternate days as the stage only leaves once in two days. Most of the losses reported have been mail addressed to points beyond this office on the Monarch line.

An Historical Banner.

The city was, last evening, the recipient of a handsome gift from Mr. Robert Vaughn. It was the flag 38x28 feet in size, which had for twenty years past floated proudly from its high staff at Fort Shaw. To the average Montanan it will be at least equally interesting as many an old war relic. It tells the old-timer of days of toil and danger when the musket and six-shooter were carried not merely as a protection against fierce wild game, but against the fiercer and yet wilder human denizens of mountain and plain. As it floats from its flag-staff in Gibson park it will recall how gladly in days gone by men sheltered themselves below its rustling folds, while high above in solemn dignity it waved, scornning its petty adversaries. It is a very interesting sight for the newcomers too. It tells him more eloquently than any story could what was the early life of Montana's hardy pioneers and his heart will naturally fill with wonder as he gazes on the relic after edifice, huge blocks, hotels filled with every modern improvement, electric lights and railways, and better yet than all, a perfect type of genial, true-hearted, progressive western civilization, and then is told that a few short years ago the protection of the little garrison at Fort Shaw was essential to the safety of the few settlers in this now prosperous portion of Montana.

The Burlington's Progress.

The Burlington surveyors are making good progress in the direction of Great Falls. The line is located and the stakes driven a few miles this side of the Judith river. The latter stream is crossed on Hobson's ranch, about three miles below Utica, where in due time one of the principal towns of the Judith basin will spring up. From the Judith gap to the Judith river the line hugs the foothills of the mountains as closely as possible, and the same policy of location is pursued on this side of Utica. Several preliminary have been run between the Judith and Wolf creek, but the final location has not been made. The nearest practicable route to the mountains will be adopted. The surveyors are loud in their praises of the Judith country, and say they have never run lines in a more attractive region. They have expressed the opinion to several ranchmen that within eighteen months the Burlington would be running trains through the Judith basin to Great Falls. All hail to this great trunk line!

Great Falls Lumber Co.

The Great Falls Lumber company are closing out their lumbering business and invite all who want lumber in any quantities cheap to call and see them. They have a complete stock of timber and lumber on hand and in order to close out are offering bargains. Do not fail to see them before placing your order.

CAUGHT ON THE WING.

What a Tribune Representative Saw Between Great Falls and Stanford.

[Special Correspondence of the TRIBUNE.]—STANFORD, Mont., Aug. 27.—Dr. Johnson once said that an observant man might learn more perched on the top of an English stage coach from Leeds to London than some people would in a tour of the continent. When the profound doctor gave vent to that idea there was no stage running from Great Falls to the Judith or the writer would take exception. Could that great master of English prose be brought back from his "windowless palace of rest" and induced to make the journey from the metropolis of northern Montana to this thriving section of the state he would have to confess that he died nearly a century too soon; that this is a state of matchless resources; that Great Falls may rival Leeds as a manufacturing centre, and that a trip to the Judith is indeed a wonderful educator.

The writer lays no claim to the title of an observant man, so gentle reader spare his blushes, but he will present for your perusal a brief summary of the condition of the country in general as any ordinary traveler would see them.

From Great Falls to Belt, a distance of about 20 miles, the route lies in a southeasterly direction, across a rolling country, which is covered with a splendid growth of grass. There is an abundance of water in numerous creeks and occasionally there are small lakes or ponds, the result of the bountiful rains of the last four months. The same can be said of all the country passed through, water, water everywhere and plenty to drink, too. We have the advantage of the ancient mariner in that particular.

Water can be found this year in coulees and buffalo "wallows" that for years have been dry. Before arriving at Belt we crossed Box Elder creek, which runs through some fine farming land that has been settled on for the last dozen years. Crossing another ridge the trail descends into the Belt valley, and a charming valley it is. With high bluffs on either side and about a half-mile in width it would be hard to improve this valley from a scenic point of view. In the line of agricultural products and general fertility of soil it has few equals in Montana. The stage stops at Belt long enough for all on board to eat dinner at John Castner's and for the driver to change horses. Anyone who has ever stopped there knows there is no place like John's for a "square."

It can't be beat. A meal eaten there reminds one of the good old-fashioned days at home where we always said no one could cook like mother. There are some fine gardens in Belt fairly glistening with all kinds of vegetables and beautified with sweet smelling flowers so numerous to mention. In Mr. Miller's garden we saw corn standing seven feet, well tassled, and ready to be stalk bearing a well developed ear of corn. Wheat and oats in adjoining fields gave promise of a large yield per acre. The proverbial oldest inhabitant could remember nothing like it.

There are some well defined leads of bituminous coal around Belt. It makes a first class fuel, every one in that vicinity uses it. Armington, two miles above Belt, has had a remarkable growth and bids fair to become a commercial center. For a young town Armington has made rapid strides. It already controls considerable of the trade in this section of the country. Over a million pounds of wool were shipped from there this year and with ample storage facilities that amount will be increased next year.

From Armington to Stanford the road leads most of the way through valleys that are comparatively thickly settled. Big and Little Otter creeks contain some fine farming lands, which at this season of the year are covered with hay and grain.

Arrow creek, which heads in the Little Belt mountains and flows into the Missouri, is also well settled and has a fine range country tributary. Many sheep men are located on this stream and all have well-equipped ranches. Crossing the ridge from Arrow creek the road descends into Surprise creek valley.

This valley, like the other, has a number of well known sheep ranches and some good hay and grain land. Surprise creek also heads in the mountains and is a tributary of Arrow creek. As the stage crossed the bridge over this stream the driver casually remarked: "Here's where the coach was held up about a year ago." As it was near the time of night when graveyards are reported to yawn, the remark fell rather dull on our ears. We crossed another ridge into the valley of Wolf creek, a tributary of the Judith river and soon reached Stanford. One mile from Stanford there is another place called Dubuque. It looks rather odd to see two postoffices a mile apart when in some parts of Montana it is difficult to induce the postal department to establish a new office ten or fifteen miles from an established one. There are some well known mines on the head of Dry Wolf, the Morton & Woodhurst, Eureka and others owned by Great Falls parties.

Mining Notes.

The Security Mining company, recently organized and reputed to own some of the best properties about the Neihart and Barker districts, acquired last evening another valuable mine by purchase from Mrs. C. M. Ford. The property is located in the city of Neihart. More definite information is not obtainable.

Word reaches this city that on Wednesday last the Galena City company struck a rich and very valuable body of lead carbonate ore in their mine, the Snowslide.

Preparing for Hot Weather.

The following telegram from White-wright, Tex., indicates that the people in that vicinity do not intend to be caught unprepared:

White-wright, Tex., June 2, 1891. Chamberlain & Co., Des Moines, Iowa—Send us at once one gross Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, 25 cent size, and two dozen 50 cent size. We are entirely out and have had nearly forty calls for it this week.

O. Y. RATHERN & Co.

This is just such a medicine as every family should be provided with during the hot weather. It never fails and is pleasant to take. For sale by Lapeyre Bros, druggists.

A STAGE ROBBER CAUGHT.

Jim Matson, a Government Official and Detective, in the City.

The Robber Now Under Arrest and in the Helena Jail.

Very few people during the last few days have noticed a peculiar looking old gentleman, tall and just a trifle stooped, occasionally chatting with a policeman and all the while wearing an air of as complete innocence as an old Pennsylvania farmer, yet he has been here and is in his line one of the best known men in the United States. His name is James Matson and he has been in the employ of the government for thirty-two years.

When seen by a Tribune representative he proved not unwilling to talk about old times. It seems that Mr. Matson, or Jim Matson as he terms himself, was raised among the Indians in Wyoming and spent his first nineteen years among the society of those copper colored gentry.

Thirty-five years ago, long before the brain of Hon. Paris Gibson ever dreamed there might be a Great Falls, Jim hunted buffalo over Montana plains. At the age of nineteen he entered the service of the government and has been engaged in chasing the enemies of society ever since. For a number of years he was the chief scout of Uncle Sam and piloted Crook through a campaign. He is an interesting old fellow, peculiar and secretive as a clam. In ordinary conversation a hail fellow well met, yet seemingly he watches every word, as nothing ever escapes that could betray a future movement. In short, he is a detective of the plains, who wears beneath his mask of innocence no small amount of shrewdness.

On the left side of his neck he bears a deep scar made by a bullet some three months since. He discussed Montana and Great Falls in a way that eminently proved his business foresight, and said he thought the Cataract city was destined to be a great metropolis.

When approached, however, on his business in this locality, he closed up till he was almost out of sight. He seemed fully imbued with that modern heresy which makes all police officials reluctant to tell a reporter anything. From piecing together information variously acquired it is surmised that Mr. Matson came here after no less a person than a stage robber.

Last October, in Lake county, Oregon, just adjoining the California line, there occurred a daring stage robbery. Single handed the desperado held up a stage, robbing the passengers and the United States mail, and succeeded in procuring about \$2,000. A reward of \$2,000 was offered for his capture. That was nearly a year ago and ever since Matson has been on his trail. All through California he pursued him, over into Colorado, up through Wyoming, hearing everywhere about the flying object of his search but being nowhere able to put salt on his tail. The chase extended into Montana. Butte and Helena were visited and finally Great Falls. While the detective was in the city on Thursday last the criminal came in but got away before he was captured.

He arrived, but left at the first opportunity for Helena. He was arrested there Friday and will await in the temporary capital for the Oregon officials. It was impossible to ascertain his name, though one of his aliases is said to be Watson.

Mr. Matson was seen and when asked if the above was true admitted that substantially it was but declined to give names.

DISAPPOINTED LOVE.

A Jockey's Sweetheart Goes Back on Him and He Becomes Insane.

A New York special says: George Childs, a jockey at Denver, was removed last afternoon to Flatbush insane asylum, after being pronounced violently insane by two medical experts. Childs has been in Brooklyn for some months boarding with the family of George Beeler. Beeler became attached to Childs, whose courteous manners quite won his confidence. He was treated as a member of the family. Beeler has a niece named Rose, who is as beautiful and sweet as her namesake. She lives with her uncle and was thrown a great deal in the society of young Childs. They fell desperately in love with each other and, there being no opposition to the match, became formally engaged to be married.

For a time the course of true love ran smoothly. The young people used to talk of the time when they would be husband and wife. Childs had the prospect of a fine position in the near future. On Monday night the girl told her lover that he must cease to think of her and declared the engagement off. Childs was at first stunned. He could not seem to realize that his sweetheart was so obstinate, and refused to give any reason for her action. The young jockey seemed very much excited that night, but did nothing to excite suspicion. Early yesterday morning Beeler and several boarders were aroused by a noise coming apparently from Childs' room. They hastened to the door and, receiving no answer to their calls, broke in the door. Astride a chair that was placed on the bed, was the jockey riding an imaginary horse. He was encouraging with an excited voice his steed on to victory, using the vernacular common to the stable. Again he would dismount and caress his wooden horse, murmuring his appreciation of its merits. The sight of Beeler seemed to turn the young man's thoughts back to his trouble. He began to call to his sweetheart to come back to him, and behaved in a manner that quite alarmed the on-lookers. Beeler did all he could to quiet Childs, and sent word to the board of charities of his boarder's condition. Two doctors examined the man and advised his removal to Flatbush asylum. On the way to the asylum Childs rode another imaginary race and at times was violent. His sweetheart is almost heartbroken over the trouble, but refuses to talk of their last interview.

AROUND ABOUT THE COURTS.

In the case of Karl Lorenz vs. Anthony Hoida, papers were yesterday filed appealing from a decision rendered in Judge Rice's court.

Rolla Donahue brings suit against the sheriff to recover property replevied and alleged to be worth \$500.

A supplemental motion for a new trial in the case of George Sweeney vs. the Great Falls & Canada railway was denied.

In the suit of Largent vs. County Commissioners, defendant's demurrer is sustained and plaintiff allowed ten days to amend pleadings.

In the case of Michael Power, defendant's demurrer is overruled and five days allowed to make answer.

W. G. Downing has been admitted to practice until the next term of the supreme court.

John H. Brand vs. Frank Servasse; judgment modified \$16.20 and entered for \$152.90.

Martin Doyle vs. James Gore et al., No. 615; demurrer overruled and defendant given three days to answer.

Martin Doyle vs. James Gore et al., No. 616; demurrer sustained and defendant given three days to file amended pleadings.

Marriage licenses were issued to Frank Bolton of Barker and Minta Stern and to Alexander Knappe and Miss Annie Johnson, both of Sand Coulee.

Monday being labor day and a legal holiday, no court will be held. Court opens Tuesday morning at 10.

In the recorder's office were filed: Papers attaching, at the instance of Alex Steele 100 acres of land in section 24, township 20, range 1 east, belonging to Lamine Higgs, on a debt of \$127.50.

A deed from Geo. E. Huy to Daniel McKay for lots 1 and 2 in Huy's addition. Consideration \$800.

A deed from J. G. Anthony to the Sand Coulee Coal company for a cabin, lot and postoffice lot in Sand Coulee. Consideration \$100.

County Clerk Crosby and deputies are hustling labor on the tax list these days.

Choteau's Tale of Woe.

Special correspondence of the TRIBUNE: Considerable excitement was created in town today over the escapade of an old tramp who had landed in town. He was quite an old fellow and was in very straightened circumstances and went begging "hand outs" from the charity inclined. One lady took pity on him and gave him dinner, for which the old fellow was very thankful. In the afternoon she went fishing with a party and left the house all alone. While absent the old fellow returned to the house and entering through a window stole a watch and chain, a pair of wrist-lets and a seal skin cap. At a stable close by he stole a pair of spurs and a bridle bit, which he traded to a young fellow at the Valley hotel for a revolver. By this time the theft was discovered, but the old man was not visible. About dark he came around again and made his appearance at a butcher shop, from which he stole some beef and started out of town. Deputy Charley Gordon took after the hot trail and traced him back into town again and came upon him behind the Valley hotel, where he attempted to arrest him, but being somewhat afraid of the gun in the old man's possession allowed him to escape. The old fellow seems to be a little daft, but is rather smooth with his tongue and fingers. The citizens are to organize a hunt tomorrow and will try and corral the old rascal who has been playing the sneak upon them.

MARRIED.

BOLTON-STEIN—On the evening of August 31st, in the Presbyterian manse, Mr. Frank Bolton to Miss Minta Stern, the Rev. John Reid, Jr., officiating.

Mr. Bolton is one of the prominent young men of Barker and there is now no doubt that he has "struck it rich" and that his future "prospects" will be all the brighter for having taken into himself a good partner. Miss Stern comes from Wayne City, Indiana, and is the daughter of the well known contractor, Mr. Peter F. Stern, of that city. Her advent in the town will be hailed with pleasure by the residents, where we feel assured she will make many friends, who, with her husband, will no doubt compensate for the friends left behind. We wish the happy couple a long and pleasant journey together. The presents from friends east and west were varied, rich and rare.

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\$25, \$20 and \$15 Suits for \$18.75, \$15.25 and \$11.35. \$2, \$1.50 and \$1 Summer Underwear for \$1.50, \$1.20 and 80 cents. \$10, \$8 and \$5 Summer Trousers for \$7.50, \$6.25 and \$3.75. \$7.50, \$5 and \$3.50 Shoes for \$6, \$3.90 and \$2.60. Very Light Summer Coats and Vests and Straw Hats at Cost.

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Theo. Burgett,

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