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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Subscribe for the LEADER. A big celebration on the Fourth. P. P. Shelby was in town again this week.

Mr. Toole of Helena spent a day in town this week. Phil Gerlach's building has received a coat of paint.

The Montana Live Stock Journal has been enlarged to 16 pages. Mr. Fawcett of Cheateau has been in town a few days this week.

Mr. Israel has moved into his new quarters in the Collins building. The telegraph operators are glad the convention is a thing of the past.

Last Sunday a party from the Milwaukee house visited the famous falls. The new house opposite the Milwaukee House is receiving a coat of paint.

We are pleased to note the filing up of some mud holes on Central avenue. Although it was muddy Tuesday, did you see the dust flying Wednesday.

You should visit the large clothing store next to the Bank of Great Falls. William Albrecht is now able to attend to business after his protracted illness.

We are in receipt of applications for our paper from news dealers in Helena. Mr. Pierce, representing the Ferguson Falls Journal left for Helena Wednesday.

A train of hoarding cars is standing on a side track in the southern part of the city. Now is the time the small boy fires his fire-cracker showing his fealty to the Fourth.

Samuel Word, attorney for the Utah & Northern, has been in this city a couple of days. Considerable water has been pumped out of the basement of Collins building this week.

Alex. Devine, the business manager of the Independent, reached here Wednesday night. The carpenters are all busy, and they can be found at work in almost any part of the city.

Central avenue with its many new business blocks has a decidedly business-like appearance. The Sun came out last Tuesday morning in all its splendor for the first time in many days.

There have been times this month when it was hard to contradicting summer from winter. Attention is called to the ad. of the new clothing store one door west of the Bank of Great Falls.

Some one in authority should see that the crossing near Murphy Mackay & Co.'s is made passable. From the top of the hill just south of town a person can view the surrounding country to advantage.

A glorious time is anticipated on the Fourth of July, and the grand celebration at Great Falls will attract people from all parts of this and contiguous counties.

Lumber has been reduced in price per thousand, and Mr. Day informs us that he has about all he can do to fill his orders and attend to his increasing business.

The bulletins from the convention last Monday were anxiously waited and eagerly by a number of persons in the Rocky Mountain Telegraph Company's office.

Several members of the Press Association came in Wednesday, and spent a part of their time looking over the town and expressing their surprise at its improved appearance.

Mr. Fell, of the Lewiston Argus, came into Great Falls Tuesday last, as one of the advance guard of the "Press Gang." Mr. Fell is deputy district clerk of Ferguson county. His county is flourishing.

Two republican leaders were here with the "Press Gang" this week. Alex. C. Borkin who led the republican party in 1888 against McGinnis, and Col. Sanders who has led the forlorn hope off and on since 1893.

Inasmuch as Mr. Nathan has gone to the expense of putting in a \$20,000 stock of clothing, you are respectfully invited to go around and see what he has. His new store is just this side of the Bank of Great Falls.

Time is ticked over the Manitoba wire from the Northfield University, Minn., every morning at 11 o'clock. Any person desiring to get correct time should come around the Rocky Mountain Telegraph Co.'s office some morning.

Two residences in Great Falls were burglarized this week, but nothing of value was stolen. The burglars carried off the lantern and jimmy had better seek another section of the country. We give them this notice gratis.

Mr. B. Dugan, a banker from Corvallis, Iowa, who has been on quite intimate terms with us since our residence here, has gone to Benton for a time. Mr. Dugan says that it is his intention, however, to permanently locate at Great Falls.

Among our exchanges, we are in receipt of a copy of the Montana Register, number eight of volume one. The Register is evidently not an "old hand" but it is a clean-cut and creditable sheet nevertheless. It is published in Bozeman.

Among the arrivals on the passenger train Thursday was W. H. Todd of the River Press accompanied by his amiable wife. We were astonished to see Mr. Todd and Jerry Collins shaking hands over the bloody chasm. Next week, however, they will be calling pet names as usual.

A few moments after the special train from Helena arrived last Thursday a team of horses became frightened and started to run away, and a serious accident was undoubtedly prevented by the efforts of two men who caught and stopped the horses. There were several ladies in the vehicle.

Gen. Charles Warren of Butte came in Thursday evening with J. Dickerson, Superintendent of the Montana Union railway. Mr. Warren denies the report that he intends to settle in Helena. He is merely invested in mining properties there. He will still make his headquarters in Butte.

R. B. Jones, representing the Home Library association of New York and Chicago is in town. The plan of the Home Library association is to catalogue to furnish first-class literature at lowest prices. We have applied for a membership, and would recommend others desiring books to do likewise.

Joe, Purault is just in from Sand Coulee with specimens of silver ore which were discovered about twenty miles from Great Falls within seven miles of the end of the Sand Coulee railroad. The specimens are said to be rich in silver. If the mines should turn out to be what they are expected, they would be of great benefit to Great Falls.

Mr. Wilcox, manager of the Cataract Mill Co., was interviewed regarding the general outlook for wheat growing industry in this part of Montana, and he stated that within a radius of 50 miles from Great Falls the quantity of wheat which will be raised this year will in all probability double that of last year. The Cataract Mill Company pay 70c per bushel for No. 1 hard wheat. Wheat can be raised on the lands around Great Falls without the process of irrigation. This is bound to be a good wheat growing country. The time when wheat raising will be one of the chief industries of the country is being accelerated, and the encouragement offered farmers to that end is very flattering indeed. The capacity of the Cataract Mill is 75 barrels per day. The mill here uses same process as the famous mills of Minneapolis, and the flour produced is unsurpassed in quality, but it is not running at the present time owing to an accident which affected the sluice. However, in two or three weeks the company expect to be in shape to run out what wheat they have on hand.

Mr. Myers, one of the proprietors of the Great Falls Lumber company, has kindly conducted us over their premises situated on the bank of the river in the southern part of the city. The mill has a sawing capacity of from 20,000 to 25,000 feet per day. Two steam engines having an aggregate of 75-horse-power run the machinery; the larger one runs the circular saw, and the smaller the balance of the machinery. They receive their supply of logs from the upper Missouri, and are now making a drive of about a million feet which will arrive in two or three weeks. This is the last drive they will make this season. They carry over each season from one to two million feet to begin work upon in the spring. They are cutting now for next spring year. The company has in its employ about 35 men. Their payroll is paid off in Great Falls. This is a home industry and the men spend their money in this city. The mill will save about two and a half million feet this year; its capacity is about three million feet, but it is the intention of the company to stop work early this fall. The mill turns out on an average 10,000 lath per day. There are now six or seven hundred thousand feet of lumber in the yard. They have facilities for the manufacture of siding and mouldings of all kinds. A planing mill is run in connection with the saw mill and they turn out dressed lumber in large quantities. Mr. Myers had a plant in Great Falls when there were no houses here whatever.

For Rent.—New house for rent—ready on July 1st on Seventh street, corner of Fourth avenue, three minutes walk from church and school, four rooms and cellar; well of good water. See owner at house, or enquire for Tyler, at Park Hotel.

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TERRIBLE FLOODS.

A Deluge in Mexico—Two Cities Destroyed, Railroads Wrecked and many People Drawned.

Every mountain rivulet along the Central railway in Mexico for more than two hundred miles has been converted into DESTRUCTIVE TORRENT

and the valleys have had the appearance of lakes. Many cities and towns were inundated, and Leon and Silao have been partially destroyed. The first intimation received in the city of Mexico of the disaster in the north was a telegram from Silao dated the 18th instant. It said: "It commenced raining heavily here yesterday afternoon and continued all night, raising the Silao river out of its banks, breaking at the north end of town and passing through the streets with irresistible force. Most of the houses here being adobe, as soon as they were saturated they began to fall. About 325 houses have been destroyed. The station buildings are occupied by the homeless people, unable to obtain anything to eat except watermelons and fruit floating in the water. The rain has been general and the whole country around Silao has been flooded. Several dykes have given away. It still continues raining." On the 20th it was learned that the floods have been more destructive in Leon than in Silao.

On Monday the river broke over the dykes, notwithstanding all efforts to stop it. It made rapid headway and finally flooded the city. As the rain fell the river rose rapidly, flowing into the town and gradually washing away the foundations of buildings, which commenced to fall. Monday night brought to the city one of the MOST TERRIBLE SCENES

ever witnessed in any country. The people believing themselves secure, went to bed in those parts of the town where water had not found its way. The steady downpour rain with the extensive water-level of the outlying country increased by the flow of the river and rapidly extended its channel until over half Leon was under water. Houses tumbled in rapidly, being worn away by the water, and the loss of life commenced unparalleled in the history of great inundations of modern times. As the buildings fell the unfortunate people were either crushed or drowned.

Men, women and children fled to the streets in their night clothes; some to find shelter on high ground, and others to be swept away by the flood. Tuesday morning rain was still falling. There has been no perceptible decrease in the stream of water. The mammoth lake extends to all points of the compass. Its monotonous appearance was occasionally broken by half submerged houses and high land cropping above its surface. The town that had been wrecked looked a sea-where houses had stood the night previous. Groups of people who had been forced by the impending danger to seek flight without clothes were standing in the rain crying and deploring their losses. All the houses which the flood left intact were crowded with wretched wretches, who the loss of life up to this writing reaches into hundreds, but the threatening danger had closed the channel of horror and hushed voices denoted nothing but a fear for the future. All night it poured, until Wednesday morning saw a like surrounding the city, undiminished in size, with the steady rain disturbing its surface. In the afternoon, however, it ceased raining and the waters commenced to recede and the people recovered from their fright, though the water still covering a portion of the city. It is estimated that

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