

## COUNTY AFFAIRS.

### AS TOLD BY MADISONIAN NEWS GATHERERS

Newsy Letters From Various Sections of the County—Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Pen Pictures of the Doings of a Prosperous and Happy People.

**RICHMOND FLAT, Jan. 24.**—[Special Correspondence.]—The Monitor shaft has reached the 160 feet mark and a cross-cut is being run to cut the vein the cross-cut has advanced 25 feet and they expect to cut the vein in 20 feet more. The company is extracting enough ore from the old workings to pay all expenses of the mine and have a surplus besides.

George Turner & Company have purchased two mines east of Sheep creek and have three men employed developing the property. I am told that he has two feet of ore but how rich it is your correspondent did not learn.

Major Budd has secured a lease and bond on the Crown Point lode north of Sterling and he expects to take out a small fortune before his lease expires. The major says that he will be rated financially with the Goulds of New York in a short time or he is away off on his calculations.

Hoger, Kirby & Company have leased the Flat lode at the head of Yeast Powder gulch. This property adjoins the Monitor mine on the west and has been a good producer of the yellow metal in past years. Probably with development work in the proper place it will do so again.

John C. Kehler has bonded a group of mines at the head of Bradley creek to Butte parties for quite a sum. Mr. Kehler, I understand, will, if the sale is made, visit Ould Ireland, France and possibly Hong Kong, China ere he returns to Montana.

Mr. Eckhard is extracting some very rich ore from a mine he has under lease west of the Midas mill. A shipment from this mine last fall to Butte netted \$120 per ton. P. V. Jackson owns this property.

At the Revenue mine they are sinking the shaft at the rate of four feet every 24 hours and are extracting very good ore.

John McDonald has contracted with the Revenue Mine to deliver at the mine 1000 cord of wood.

Edward Johnson departed for Tacoma, Wash., and will be absent about 20 days.

Messrs. Fisher and Kivler of Red Bluff looked over the situation here Monday, the gentlemen expressed a very favorable opinion of the future of the Flat.

Mr. Calvert, of the firm Miner & Co. of Pony, is experting the Flat lode. It is announced that his report will be favorable. Chas. Miner, his partner, has been experting the Bramble mine for the past ten days. At present it is all conjecture as to what his report will be.

A. McKennon, foreman at the Monitor mine, surprised his friends last week by slipping off to Butte and getting spliced. Miss Florence Fletcher is now known as Mrs. McKennon.

We extend our congratulations to this happy pair; May their love never grow cold but always be there.

## WASHINGTON BAR.

Mineral Intelligence—Trebore On the Mineral Lands.

**WASHINGTON BAR, Jan. 21.**—[Special correspondence.]—Since my last, nothing of startling importance has occurred in this vicinity; mining interests are showing a steady improvement as development progressed. The Bald Mountain Mining Co. is reported to have struck a rich body of ore in their tunnel, after years of unceasing toil, having run a tunnel over 500 feet through very hard rock, and expended over \$18,000 in the enterprise. They are deservng of success, and all will rejoice if the new strike is permanent.

A rich vein of ore, 6 feet wide is reported as being struck a few days since, near Sterling, on a mine being worked under a bond by Ed. Johnston, who now is in Tocomo, making arrange-

ments to put in machinery in the old Clark mill at Sterling, and says he can handle the ores of this vicinity for \$3 per ton, which would be a boon to many a miner hereabouts who has ore of too low a grade to stand shipment. Mr. Knox of the Monitor mine, has his new shaft down 150 feet and is now crosscutting for the vein, which will require 10 days or two weeks to reach, when some astounding results may reasonably be looked for; judging from the ore in the lower level which he expects to tap from the new shaft.

The Revenue is running day and night at their new mill, and is reported as doing well, they employ 40 men at the mine but only a few at the mill, as most of the work there, is done automatically.

There has been some discussion of late regarding the practicability of advertising railroad lands for sale for taxes, when the entire community is up in arms to prevent their obtaining patent to the odd sections; it does look queer; and as a friend suggests, better forego the tax; than admit any shadow of title, in any portion of mineral belts; which constitutes the larger part of the odd sections in Madison county no one would question their right to the odd sections along the valleys of the Madison, Ruby, Jefferson, and Big Hole but when they approach the foothills and ranges, draw the line sharply and hold that sacred to the use and occupancy of the prospector and miner only.

It is said corporations are without souls, and whether such a thing, could be discovered in the Northern Pacific, with the aid of a "sick telescope" is doubtful, but their greed is unbounded and unless decisive action is taken in all the mineral sections of the county, and once we loose, we can never recover. Our weather is delightful for winter, and while we do not boast of Italian skies, we do assert, the winter of '94 and '95 so far is hard to beat in any country.

No marriages of late, but daily expected if dame rumor is correctly reported. TREBOR.

## MEADOW CREEK

A Social Story Covering a Period of Seven Days.

**MEADOW CREEK, Jan. 23.**—[Special correspondence.]—Revival meetings are in progress at the M. E. church conducted by Prof. Ackley and Rev. King.

Thomas Thexton, of Ennis, is visiting relatives here.

There will be an oyster supper at Jas. F. Oliver's, Feb. 8.

Irvin Higbee has left for a short sojourn among friends and relatives in New York.

Mrs. P. James, of Washington Bar, is quite seriously ill.

Wm. Henry intends to leave soon for the Yellowstone country preparatory to locating there permanently.

As Bozeman has of late been the Mecca toward which those on matrimony intent have wended their way, so now Butte appears to be coming into favor as a Gretna Green; Alex. McKinnon and Florence Fletcher left for that place last week presumably to have the nuptial knot tied.

The best wishes of many friends are with the happy couple.

## ENNIS.

Getting Ready for the Boom—Town-site Laid Out.

**ENNIS, Jan. 23.**—[Special correspondence.]—People complain of rather quiet times and scarcity of news since the vocal class has become non est.

The band still keep up their practice under the guidance of Mr. Searle.

Some parties, who have been hunting on the Madison range, had rather an exciting and perilous chase after some bears lately. The particulars cannot be given at present. Suffice it to say that no lives were lost—not even a bear's.

Geo. W. Burns left for Helena, on Wednesday. He expects to spend some time in the state capital.

Miss Nellie Switzer went to Pony on Tuesday. She will spend some time in that place as music governess in the family of Mr. Frank Bell.

The mass meeting that is called for Saturday evening of this week should

be attended by every citizen of this valley.

The American people are noted for their generosity when their fellow men are in need and as this call comes from a former resident of our valley, it should be heartily responded to.

Skating is now in order in the valley and many of our young people indulge in that favorite amusement.

There is plenty of fish in the Madison but there is not much fishing being done.

Mrs. Burns, who was on the sick list last week, has now fully recovered.

Surveyor Mead came out to Ennis on Tuesday and served a townsite for W. J. Ennis. Our burg is going to have a boom in the near future.

REPORTER.

## SHERIDAN.

Death of Mrs. Judge Williams—Personal Mention.

**SHERIDAN, Jan. 24.**—[Special Correspondence.]—Mrs. Williams, beloved wife of Judge J. T. Williams, died of dropsy at her home near Sheridan, Wednesday morning, January 23, at 11 o'clock.

Deceased was about 54 years of age. She and her husband are well known throughout the county, being two of the oldest settlers in this vicinity. She leaves, besides an invalid husband and two sorrowing brothers, a host of friends who mourn her death.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at one o'clock in the Methodist church at Sheridan.

**SHERIDAN, Jan. 21.**—[Special Correspondence.]—Mrs. Geo. Copp entertained a small party of friends at her home last Tuesday night. Among those present were D. P. Lake and wife; George Blakely and wife; Wm. F. Willis and wife; Alex. Scott and wife. Mrs. Copp is a royal entertainer and the occasion was very enjoyable.

C. H. Seifert, of Whitehall, was in town Saturday.

C. W. Winslow, of Fish Creek, was in town on business Saturday.

Matt Carey, the efficient salesman of Henry Elling & Co., Sundayed with his parents at Adobetown.

Chas. Walter took a trip to Virginia City Monday.

Geo. Gohn and family passed through town, en route to Twin Bridges, last Friday.

Sheriff Joe Haines drove into town Friday and sojourned with us a few hours.

The Twin Bridges Monitor has secured a correspondent here. I wonder who the poor unfortunate is. He writes an anecdote which is very amusing, but contains very little news, in fact. I am informed that the originators do not adhere strictly to the truth. Never mind girls! the "bike" is still on deck, and nether it nor the rider is greatly demolished as yet.

The Sheridan Lyceum holds its first regular meeting Thursday night. They promise an entertaining program. Everybody invited to attend. They will hereafter meet every Thursday evening in the I. O. G. T. hall, during which, interesting subjects will be debated. Debates open to all. The boys have dropped.

There was a sure enough skating party last Sunday afternoon. About 20 were in attendance and every one enjoyed a good time.

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### How's This!

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

## BURYING HEROES.

### BUTTE'S TRIBUTE TO HER DEAD.

The Funeral Ceremonies Over the Graves of Those Who Died in the Performance of duty—Large Delegation From Other Montana Cities.

Twenty-six funerals were held in Butte last Friday. The mourning citizens of that city, as well as of all the state, joined in paying the highest possible tribute to departed heroes, who died bravely in the performance of duty the Tuesday night previous.

Twenty-five thousand people crowded the streets through which the procession passed, and fully 3000 men were in line. There were many sights in the sad procession to induce solemnity even in the most thoughtless. The six hearses, the two dead wagons improvised as hearses, and the big band wagon, covered with crape, drawn by four white horses, carrying nine coffins, were alone an impressive scene.

In a small casket in one of the dead wagons had been placed the fragments of heroic manhood picked up far and near the scene of the explosion. So shattered were the arms and legs, the pieces of breast, and the scraps of skull, that no identification of any of the fragments had been possible. But it is naturally supposed that they are all that are left of Chief Cameron and his brave men, Sam Ash, Dave Moses and P. J. Norling, blown into a thousand pieces by the giant force which lay an unseen and treacherous enemy among them. Friends had tenderly gathered and preserved every scrap of human flesh in the hope, which proved vain, that some scrap might show of which hero it had been a part. Always together in life, always fighting fire side by side, no matter what the peril, Cameron, Moses, Ash, and Norling are united in death. They lived together, they fought fire side by side for years, they met death together. Brave men, heroes every one of them, and their heroic remains were carried to the cemetery in one casket and placed for all eternity in one grave.

Not less impressive was the sight of the nine caskets on the great band wagon. They were the unclaimed bodies of Tuesday night's disaster. No friends or relatives has come to claim these bodies. In the thousands of curious spectators who had gazed upon their features in the undertaking rooms there was none to say, "This man was my friend; his burial is my privilege." Over some of them no service was said except the service at the cemetery. But among the nine dead whose departure brought no special grief to any heart there were some heroes. Some at least of the nine lost their lives, not idle spectators of an exciting scene, but as heroes who helped to ward off the flames when danger was thickest.

There was another sight peculiarly affecting in the mournful cortege. Chief Cameron's horse marched in the procession, drawing the cart in which for years, in winter and summer, by day and by night, he had rushed his master to fires. There was no driver in the cart to-day. A fireman led the restless horse, who, with uneasy action, waited for the familiar touch of the rein, listened for the familiar voice of his master, the voice to which he had always been responsive, the voice he would never hear again.

Not alone did the entire city turn out to pay tear bedimmed tribute of respect, but the entire state of Montana was represented. Large delegations of firemen were present from Anaconda, Helena, Great Falls, Missoula, Deer Lodge, Bozeman and Billings, and officiated as pall bearers.

To the solemn music of a funeral dirge from the Boston & Montana band the procession moved off in the following order:

Marshal McNichols and Chief of Police Leyden.

Platoon of Helena Police.

Sheriff's Officers.

Marshal Harry Carns and Aids.

Boston and Montana Band.

Montana National Guards.

Gov. Rickards and Adjt.-Gen. Curtis on foot.

Hearses, with a line of visiting firemen

on each side.  
Anaconda Fire Companies.  
Veteran Firemen.  
Honorary Members Butte Fire Department.  
Butte Fire Department.  
Butte Fire Department, Chief Cameron's horse and buggy.  
Walkerville Fire Department.  
Walkerville Juvenile Fire Department.  
Butte, Centerville, Walkerville, Meaderville and South Butte Lodges of A. O. U. W.  
Musicians' Union Band.  
Knights of Labor.  
I. O. O. F., Y. M. I.  
Clerks Assembly.  
Scandinavian Brotherhood.  
Insurance Agents of the City.  
City, County and State Officers.  
Public School Cadets.  
Mourners' carriages.  
Citizens in carriages.

The identified dead now number 57. John Sloan, father of the two Sloan boys who were killed, died Saturday.

### LEGISLATURE.

The Corrupt Practices Act and the Salary Reduction Bills.

**HELENA, Jan. 21.**—[Special Correspondence.]—So far the grind of the legislative mill has not brought forth anything startling. county division lobbyists are here in force. Monday evening the committee on towns, counties and highways, met for the first time and were almost driven from the committee rooms, so thick were the lobbyists. The committee was forced to capitulate, adjourning without doing any business, and the button-holing goes on right merrily. Generally speaking, the county divisionists have decidedly the worst of legislative sentiment.

Representative Isdell's bill, regulating the practice of dentistry, has brought half the tooth-carpenters in the state to the capital. The collegians want the bill passed and the mechanical operators vice versa.

A meeting of the judiciary committees of the house and senate, the code committee of the house and a committee of the State Bar Association, consisting of Col. W. F. Sanders, Judge McConnell and Judge Wade, was held Friday evening. The code has already been prepared and consists of four departments, civil, political, civil procedure and penal. Judge Wade stated the scope of the code and hoped that it would be adopted without amendment. He thought that if amendments were once proposed it would be a basis for so much dispute that the legislature would never arrive at an agreement. Colonel Sanders spoke in the same vein and recommended the adoption of the code in its entirety so that Montana might make her place with other states in the matter of laws. He wanted the law so plain that any citizen could read the code and understand the meaning of the laws without consulting a lawyer.

The passage of Representative Montearth's corrupt practice act, requiring an official to swear to a published statement of his election expenses, and limiting said expenses, is almost assured, and its passage will very likely be followed by the passage of one of the two county salary reduction bills. The first is the one introduced by Hedges, and almost any other man in the house would be ashamed to father its consistency. The second has been introduced by Cullen, and in counties of Madison's class (third) places the salaries at the following figures: Treasurer \$1,750; sheriff, \$1,500; clerk and recorder, \$1,750; clerk of the court, \$1,000; county attorney, \$1,000; superintendent of schools, \$800. Under the terms of the bill sheriffs are to receive as now mileage and compensation for the board of prisoners. The bill fixes no time when it will go into effect. It went to the committee on counties. Of the two bills this stands the best chance of becoming a law.

### MINING MEN ATTENTION.

Do you know that the N. P. Railway Company has filed on thousands of acres of land in Madison county, known to be mineral?

Are any of your mining claims affected? If so, do you desire to file a proper legal protest and save your property? Protests must be filed before Feb. 15 next, if your property is in the Helena district; and before March 4th if in the Bozeman land district.

A blank form of protest has been prepared by the Virginia City Citizen's Committee. The protests should be made in duplicate, the original sent to the land office and the duplicate to the Citizen's Committee of Virginia City. The blank protests are for sale at the following prices: Per dozen, 75 cents; half dozen, 50 cents; quarter dozen 25 cents. Postage prepaid. Address THE MADISONIAN Virginia City.

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