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SILVER STARLIGHT

SILVER STAR IS BUSY AND BUSTLING.

And She Promises to Add to the Lustre of Madison County's Mineral Glory During the Coming Season—Late Mining News.

SILVER STAR, Feb. 5.—[Special Correspondence]—Very flattering indeed is the outlook of the mines of this section. Silver Star, during the coming season, promises to become one of Madison's most prosperous mining camps. The Parrot smelter, when once in active operation, will make it possible to work, with profit, many mines in this locality now idle.

A recent issue of the Montana Mining Reporter, published at Butte, contained the following, concerning mining operations in this locality:

The Aurora Borealis, which was purchased recently by Mr. Macfarlane of Butte is making a fine showing. He has 13 men employed. Three of them have taken a contract to run a tunnel 300 feet to intersect the shaft, which is now down to the 100-foot station. They will continue this work until they have reached the 200, when it is expected they will reach the tunnel level. They have a fine body of ore all the way down the shaft, which is high-grade in a vein averaging from 18 inches to three feet wide.

The Iron Rod mine is working a small force of men, all leasing and doing well.

Jack Martin and Wm. Menking are working the Viola mine and have a fine showing of high-grade ore.

The Broadway owners are working a large force of men and taking out considerable high-grade ore.

The Green Campbell mine and its extension is being worked by a small force and some pay ore is being dumped.

Smith and son are sinking a winze from the tunnel in their tunnel west of the Old America, and are taking out some fine pay ore. They will continue work all winter.

John Pink and son are doing considerable work on their prospects in Green Campbell gulch, and are getting their claim in shape for extensive development the coming summer.

Samuel Hayden and David Davis are working the Blackman and Hayden mines, and have a car load of ore out ready for shipment to the smelter. This ore is lead carbonate, running 60 and 70 per cent, and from 20 to 40 ounces silver.

The Cricket and Grasshopper mines are being worked under lease and bond by O. N. Townsend and J. E. Benoit. They have opened a ledge of ore in the raise from the tunnel that measures from 10 to 15 inches that will mill from \$75 to \$300 per ton in lead and 50 per cent. lead.

There are 13 men working on the Clipper and Baccarat mines, all leasing. Five of them working in the tunnel, which is about 1,100 feet. Three are working in the winze below the tunnel and three are sinking a shaft from the surface, which is now down to the 100-foot station. They are taking out pay ore.

The Sunrise and Old America mines are being worked by Henry Blum and Chas. E. Cabbage. They are now running a drift from the shaft, and have a fine streak of ore from 6 to 10 inches wide, ore from which carries considerable gold.

The following mills will be kept in operation during the coming summer, if the future outlook continues as encouraging as the present:

The Silver Star mill will be kept running on Broadway ore, the product being sufficient to keep it going.

The Iron Rod mill will have all it can do working Iron Rod and Baccarat ores.

John E. Wood's mill will be busy on custom ore, the supply being greatly increased by an additional number of new producers.

Smith and Johns' will be busy on Green Campbell ore by an increased production from these properties.

The King Mining Company's mill on Big Hole will be busily operating ore

from their property in Hell canyon.

The district will be greatly benefited by the location of the Parrot smelter. There are hundreds of mines in this locality that will prove valuable on account of the removal of the smelter into this valley.

The town of Silver Star is flourishing in a business way, and people look with interest to the prospects of the coming summer. Nearly all the mines in the district are being put in shape for operation, and the Parrot Company will be greatly benefited by the supply of custom ore that this district is capable of producing.

[The MADISONIAN desires a regular correspondent at Silver Star. It should be represented in the columns of the county paper. Will not some enterprising resident accept this office and let the outside world know, through the columns of the MADISONIAN, what is transpiring in the thriving camp. Stamped envelopes and stationery will be furnished on application.—EDITOR.]

THE ORPHANS' HOME.

Superintendent Comfort Makes His Annual Report.

Through the courtesy of Senator Metzel we received this week the first annual report of the Orphan's Home, submitted by Superintendent Comfort to Gov. Rickards. The superintendent recommends the construction of a suitable hospital in connection with the home, the construction of a barn, ice house and other out buildings. The total amount expended on this institution during the fiscal year was \$17,398, which Superintendent Comfort has classified as follows:

Building as per contract	\$11,358 02
Furnace, etc.	978 95
Outhouse, cellar, fence, etc.	507 60
Furniture and furnishings, also school books, tools, etc.	1,720 06
Footwear, clothing and material for same, groceries, meats, drugs, etc.	868 05
Freight, team work, medical aid, wood and traveling expenses	298 07
Printed forms, books stationery	35 75
Salaries of superintendent, matron and other house employes	1,008 00
Expenditures for 1893; reported December 1893	523 75
	\$17,388 25

Superintendent Comfort's inventory is as follows:

52 acres land @ \$20	\$ 1,040
Building and improvements	12,844 57
Furniture, furnishings, tools school books, etc.	1,720 06
Printed matter	20
Groceries	63 76
Potatoes, meat, flour	57
Two hogs	18
Fifteen tons hay	120
Total	\$15,889 39

The report shows that there are now 22 orphans in the home, the oldest being 13 and the youngest 2 years of age. Five of the children are from Beaverhead county, four from Cascade, two from Fergus, three from Missoula, two from Jefferson, three from Park, two from Yellowstone and but one from Madison. The report is very complete and concise.

A deficit of about \$2000 now exists. To provide for this deficit and for future expenses, Senator Metzel has introduced a bill in the senate which appropriates \$1,998.25 to cover the deficiency, \$10,000 for expenses for the present year and \$7,400 for 1896.

In Superintendent George Comfort the state has a competent and painstaking official. His management of this institution has been very economical, while the little inmates have had the very best of care. The success of the institution is guaranteed so long as he remains at the head of it.

The Dead Number 332.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The latest official cablegram, received at the New York office of the North German Lloyd company in this city from the Bremen office, showed that the total loss was 332 people by the sinking of the Elbe. Of those aboard, fifty were cabin passengers and 149 steerage. The crew in its entirety consisted of 153 people.

Young Kleinshmidt of Helena, who had just finished his education in Germany, was a passenger on the ill fated Elbe.

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MINING MEN MEET

AT RED BLUFF AND ORGANIZE.

Two Meetings Held at Red Bluff to Prevent the Northern Pacific From Acquiring Patents to Lands Selected.

RED BLUFF, Mont., Feb. 5.—[Special Correspondence].—The mineral land question has been thoroughly agitated in this section. Pursuant to call a large number of representative men met at the Red Bluff school house on Jan. 17 to take action to prevent the Northern Pacific from acquiring patent to mineral lands. W. R. Reel was made chairman and W. B. Kivlen secretary. Mr. Tanner then handed in a report giving the house the benefit of information derived by him while at Virginia City recently. He also read a communication to Alex. Norris from J. V. Bogert of Bozeman as to mode of procedure necessary for parties to take in protesting against the railroad company's applications for patents. At this stage of the meeting it was deemed advisable to elect a committee of three to represent Richmond Flat, Sterling and Red Bluff, and to transact business that may be referred to it. W. R. Reel, G. D. Turner and W. B. Kivlen were elected to act as such committee and Mr. Tanner was chosen treasurer.

The committee selected W. R. Reel and delegated him to go to Bozeman, to procure forms of protests and necessary information. The meeting then adjourned.

A second meeting was held last Friday evening. Mr. Reel was again chosen chairman and Mr. Kivlen secretary.

Mr. Reel reported as to the results of his visit to Bozeman giving the details of his agreement with J. V. Bogert, who is to act as counsel for contestants, terms for services as such, etc. He also read a letter of recent date from Mr. Bogert containing further instructions for contestants to take in making out their protests. The agreement made by Mr. Reel with Mr. Bogert was confirmed.

Mr. Reel then handed in his bill of expenses incurred on his trip to Bozeman, and stated that he had collected from parties on Richmond Flat the sum of \$8 and the same amount from residents of Pony, to be used toward defraying his expenses. A collection was then taken from those present and resulted in the sum of \$17 being handed to the treasurer.

Mr. Reel stated that Mr. Bogert considered it very important that protests should be sent in as soon as possible, so that in case of errors being found ample time would still remain to return them and have the errors corrected.

A motion was then made and carried that the secretary be requested to send a copy of the minutes of this and the former meeting to the MADISONIAN. Adjourned to Feb. 16th.

W. R. Reel,
Chairman.

W. B. Kivlen,
Secretary.

SHERIDAN.

Social Salad of the Valley Town—Personal and General.

SHERIDAN, Feb. 2.—[Special Correspondence].—The dance given by the I. O. G. T. of Sheridan was well attended. The lodge gave another ball February first.

The club at Leiterville gave their regular two-week hop in the form of a calico ball last Saturday evening. Among the numerous outsiders we noticed Messrs. Ed. Gohn, Ira French and J. Turner from Virginia City.

John Rosenberger returned from Chicago last Wednesday. John says that Sheridan is quite as dull as Chicago, but the latter has not the attraction (for him) that the former has.

Messrs. B. James and B. F. Sanborn, of Virginia City, passed through town today.

ROYAL Baking Powder.
Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report.

A. A. Estlin, the genial manager of Mrs. Smith's store at Twin Bridges, together with Wm. Rhodes was in town today.

Chas. Mahon of Twin Bridges passed through town Tuesday morning en route to Virginia City.

The scarlet fever, which we hoped had retreated for good, has now returned, and is attacking its victims with greater zeal than ever. Six new cases have developed within the last week. Dr. Miller pronounces most of the cases as genuine eastern scarlet fever. It appears that we are elected to have an epidemic of the disease, but hope that it can be avoided.

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UPPER RUBY.

Narrow Escape From a Snow Slide—Personal and General.

PULLER SPRINGS, Feb. 4.—[Special Correspondence].—Jim Williams narrowly escaped death last Friday. He was working in the timber and was overtaken by a snow slide and completely buried, but owing to the timely aid of Ed. Rower, Jim was rescued before he was seriously hurt. Of course he has a few scratches to show he was there.

Cold weather prevails with plenty of snow.

The little folks of our valley are all suffering from bad colds.

Frank Garrison was in your city last week.

Mr. Fitzsimmons, the new trainer at the Brook-Nook Stock Farm, who has been on the sick list is recovering.

W. H. Raymond is getting a fine lot of young horses ready to ship to eastern markets in the spring.

John Donegan Sr. is also handling a lot of horses and anyone wishing to buy a nice match team should call on him.

T. A. Metzel left for Butte and Helena last Monday.

Henry Swisher, who has been up the Boulder for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday.

John Donegan Jr. and Chas. Leyendecker have a fine lot of cattle up fattening. The cattle are in good condition and should bring good figures.

Died—With sorrow we chronicle the death of Karl Emmet, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Panning, which sad event took place on Feb. 2, at their home at Home Park. The remains were laid quietly away, on last Sunday, in the valley cemetery. It was the largest funeral ever witnessed in our valley. Mr. and Mrs. Panning have the sympathy of their host of friends in the hour of their sad bereavement.

"Rob Roy" is the greatest light operatic success since the production of "Robin Hood," by the same authors, Smith and De Koven.

Henry Arthur Jones' play, "The Masqueraders," is a great popular though not an artistic success at the Empire theater, New York.

A certain manager of melodramas estimates that his net profits this season on one play will exceed \$100,000. Three companies are presenting it.

James O'Neill has just engaged as his leading lady Miss Florence Rockwell, who is but 19 years old. Last season she occupied a similar position with Thomas W. Keane.

PENCIL SHARPENERS.

Hamlin Garland, the novelist, has declared himself a philosophical anarchist.

Dickens' full name was Charles John Huffham Dickens, but he did not sign it that way often. When he did, he dropped the second h in Huffham.

Pierre Loti, who is well known to have a dislike to any kind of society, is extremely attached to a yellow tabby cat, which travels about with him whenever and wherever he goes.

Mrs. Burton Harrison writes all her own manuscripts, and she works very rapidly. "The Anglomaniacs" and "A Bachelor Maid" were both written at white heat. With all her other duties, they were only on the stocks three weeks each.

General Lew Wallace says that he wrote "The Fair God" before he had ever been in Mexico, and "Ben-Hur" before he had ever seen the Holy Land, and he thinks the "local color" in each of these novels as accurate as it would have been if he had made a tour in search of it.

An unaccountable superstition is what an English physician calls the popular belief that asparagus is a diuretic. He asserts that his experiments show it to have no diuretic qualities, and that books on therapeutics have simply voiced the common opinion of the masses without questioning its truth.

'T WAS A QUIET PLAY

POKER AS 'T IS PLAYED IN SHERIDAN

The Proper System When Your Opponent Has the Biggest Hole Card—Efo Mathis, the Victim of the Explosion, Taken to Butte.

SHERIDAN, Feb. 7.—[Special Correspondence].—There was a small cutting affray here last Saturday night, in which everything was "done according to Hoyal." The gentleman with the knife passed his hand, tapped his victim, and forced him to lay down, considerably "cut" up by the deal.

Mrs. F. Emmerson and Mrs. Stone, of Virginia City, were in town visiting their nephew, Matt Carey, last Wednesday.

Martin Battle was in from the Upper Ruby, Wednesday.

Efo Mathis, the man who was injured at the Letter mine last week, has been taken to Butte to have his eyes examined by an oculist. Dr. Miller went with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Graham entertained their friends with dancing and cards Friday, Feb. 1. All report having had an enjoyable time. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, Blakely, Bob Ogden, James Thomas, Deyarmond and Will Pfohl, Mrs. K. Price, Misses Inna Simpson, Ida Thomas, Cecilia Lennox, Rose and Annie Hermismier, Messrs. Hartman, Quillhurst, Ogden, Fox, Ridenhour, Hall and Romae.

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A LITERARY SOCIETY.

Rev. Morse Makes Some Pertinent Remarks on This Subject.

What is the reason we can't have a good literary society in our town? Other towns have good societies and we lag behind. I for one do not like the idea of being the last dog in the race. Let us do something, or as Tom Watson would say, "let us see where we'er at."

A good live literary society would do a world of good to our young men and women, and it is only a wonder to me that some such a society has not been started before.

I know that we have plenty of musical ability in our town, and also have reason to believe that there is no lack of literary ability as well, but it has never had a chance to develop.

We should have a society strong enough to give a good program of essays, debate, readings, stump speeches, music—both vocal and instrumental—every week, and then, about once in six weeks or two months, or oftener if they wish, give a public program.

Now Mr. Editor, to set the ball rolling, I propose a meeting at the Methodist church on Monday, Feb. 11, at 8 o'clock p.m. sharp, and let every one who is inclined to help in any way, come out and lend a hand towards starting a good live literary society.

Several have spoken to me on the subject and I do this at their request, though I am anxious to see such a society established.

Geo. E. MORSE,
Pastor M. E. Church.

Teachers Examination.

A public examination will be held in Virginia City, Friday, Feb. 15. All persons wishing to try for a certificate before May will please report on that date.

D. L. HERNDON,
Co. Supt. of Schools,
Madison County, Montana.

Heartly Thanks.

EDITOR MADISONIAN:

I desire, through the medium of your valuable journal, to heartily thank Mr. T. Benton Letter and my fellow employes at the Letter mill and mine for their most generous contribution in my behalf on the occasion of my recent accident.

I also sincerely thank the good people of Sheridan for their kindly attention to my needs while lying helpless among them; as well as many good friends, who have in various ways, alleviated the suffering consequent upon my situation.

In this connection, I wish to say, that no person connected with the mine is in any way responsible for the unfortunate occurrence.

EPHRAIM MATHIS.

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