

## DOWN ON THE RUBY

### A TELEPHONE LINE FROM SHERIDAN TO LEITERS.

**T. Benton Leiter Back of the Enterprise—Parrot Proposition has made all Prospects Valuable—The Masquerade Ball—Social and Personal.**

SHERIDAN, Feb. 25.—[Special Correspondence]—Mr. Newspaper man, I would drop you a few lines once in a while, but I see you have a correspondent from this place. The he, she or it, is sailing under the non deplume of Ariel, I don't know the meaning of the word, but suppose it means to soar aloft. I would advise the aforesaid to find a soft place to fall because he, she or it might come down kerplash, so to speak. The weather is all that could be asked, and the meadow lark, blue bird and other spring birds are making the woods ring with their sweet songs, and everything goes to show that spring is with us.

Fred Schulz has given up the Ruby hotel and moved back to his old home, the Shulz hotel, where he will be glad to see his old customers, and all the new ones that are looking for something good to eat, and a clean bed to sleep on. Mr. Clem takes charge of the Ruby hotel to-day, and he acts like a man that seems to understand his business, and will give his boarders the best the market affords.

The farmers are out examining their fences and water ditches, and yanking a bunch of sagebrush or greasewood out of their fields, preparatory for spring work.

The legislature is drawing to a close and if they get up many more bills like the license bill every man, woman and child will be glad to see them at home again.

The Sheridan Silver Cornet band under the leadership of H. B. Jennings turned out on Valentine's day and gave the citizens an out door concert. They have just received quite a number of pieces of new music, and as soon as the boys get the music down pat they will give weekly outdoor concerts. Mr. Jennings deserves great credit for the interest he has shown, and taken in the advancement of the boys on their horns. The ball given by the band on Valentine's evening was well attended and all seemed well pleased to be there. The masquerade given by the band boys on the evening of our father's birthday—George Washington—was a grand success, and the participants had bushels of fun. Some of the costumes were too funny for anything.

Wiley Mountjoy of the Christian church came down from your city Saturday and preached for us Sunday. He is an able talker and a sound reasoner. He made a favorable impression with his congregation and they want him to come again.

Mr. Oliver, Methodist, of Twin Bridges preaches for us every Sunday. He is well liked and is a true advocate of his belief. So you see that the people of Sheridan are well supplied with divine grace, and sinners are roasting mighty low.

Since it has been definitely announced that the Parrot Smelter will be removed to Point of Rocks, in this county, it has caused miners to turn their attention to old prospect holes that was discovered years ago. The business men of the town are trying to make a stand off and think when spring opens up business will improve.

T. Benton Leiter has let a contract to construct a telephone line between this place and Leiterville which will be a great convenience to both places.

O. S. Brooks is the contractor and he also has the contract to furnish 2500 cords of wood and also all the logging for the company. Mr. Leiter deserves great credit for his enterprise. He is a live man and I wish we had many more of his push and nerve. The mine never looked better and it is to be hoped that the company may realize their fondest expectations.

There has been quite a number of private parties in town this season and barring the scarlet fever, have been pleasantly spent by our folks. The

Leiter camp has had quite a number of social hops, which were very pleasant affairs and enjoyed by all.

Tom Shaw makes regular trips to the Leiter mine with his four-horse omnibus. Tom sends his passengers through at a 2:40 gait.

The town school, after stopping on account of scarlet fever, is now running along on schedule time. Mr. McFarland is principal and Miss Grace Herndon has charge of the intermediate. TOM.

### FROM ENNIS.

**The Week's Crop of Pert Personal Pointers.**

ENNIS, Feb. 19.—[Special Correspondence.]—J. B. Jeffers has been suffering from an attack of lung fever. He was very sick for a few days, but timely medical assistance being secured, he is now recovering.

Several cases of scarlet fever have been reported and it is feared that some of them will prove fatal.

A large per cent. of our people are suffering from a severe cold that seems to have become epidemic.

The Sunday school of "Trinity Mission" will not meet for some time on account of the scarlet fever scare.

Some of our people were in Virginia City last week, courting.

The lovers of the light fantastic attended a party at Meadow creek last week. They report a pleasant time, but say that they had to inhale to much dust, while dancing, for the good of their lungs. They indulged in the dance until daylight and then returned with sore feet and big heads. They evidently believe in the motto, "When you are getting a good thing git, git all you kin."

James Beck, one of our enterprising young men, has taken up a ranch on Shell Creek and is rapidly improving the same. Jim is a steady boy but he says he finds it rather lonesome to be so much alone and he thinks seriously of taking a life partner to help him build a home. May success be his. P. E. PORTER.

### PULLER SPRINGS.

**Social and Personal Valley Gossip of Seven Days.**

PULLER SPRINGS, Feb. 25.—[Special Correspondence.]—Range cattle are very poor for this time of year. It is almost impossible to find beef cattle.

G. W. Powers and wife spent a few days in Virginia City last week.

Jno. Turner and wife of Adobetown are visiting with Mrs. Turner's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bryant, of Home Park.

Our valley is very quiet at present, as a number of our young people are suffering with the gripe.

Miss Frances Battle of Leadford creek spent a few days last week with Miss Annie Peterson of Home Park.

W. A. Metzger spent Friday at Laurin as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Laurin.

Albert Metzger of this valley, who is attending school at Bozeman, has been quite sick with the measles, but he has recovered so as to resume his studies.

Miss Lizzie Peterson returned home a week ago from your city where she has been visiting her sisters for the past six weeks.

W. D. Hustend, formerly of Home Park but now of Virginia City, was in our valley last week.

The dance given at Nevada last Friday night seemed to be a very lasting affair. A number of our young people attended, some returned home on Saturday and some on Sunday and some on Monday and some are still in the city.

Earnest Hopp, who has been visiting his friend James McDonald of the Defiance ranch for the past week, left for his home on Birch creek last Monday accompanied by F. Swartz.

Frank Metzger spent last Wednesday at his saw mill on Green Horn creek. He expects to begin operations soon. Jim Williams and Jeff Pfouts went to Laurin last Tuesday.

### DIAMOND.

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

## A SPLENDID CAMP

### NUGGETS OF NEWS FROM RICHMOND FLAT.

**The Monitor Mine Has Thousands in Sight—Improvements on the Revenue—Fine & Pankey May Operate at Red Bluff—Social and Personal.**

RICHMOND FLAT, Feb. 27.—[Special Correspondence.]—William Allen of Meadow Creek has secured a lease on the Pearl mine. He has two men at work pushing the shaft down to the vein which he expects to cut this week. He will then run levels on the vein and see how extensive the ore bodies are.

Hoger, Kirby & Co. have their whim in position on the Flat lode and are extracting some very rich ore. They expect the vein will widen out when they run levels.

It is reported that the cross cut at the Monitor mine has reached the one-hundred foot mark with no sign of the vein. But they are liable to cut the vein with one blast any time. We are of the opinion that somebody has made a large sized blunder in calculating the distance from the shaft to the vein all the same. Quartz sharps claim that the Monitor mine has between seventy-five and one-hundred thousand dollars worth of ore in sight which is probably near the truth.

The old reliable Revenue mine still punbles the ore as usual. Four or five six horse teams are kept busy hauling ore to the mill which runs day and night. The roads have been in a horrible condition for the past ten days from the mine to the mill which has caused much profanity among the drivers. If old Satan was in the vicinity he could not find fault with the teamsters' easy training as to cuss words. Mr. Dunham informed me that he would put a new hoist on this property in the near future as the old hoist is too light for the work it has to perform. Miner & Co. are sinking a shaft on the Grass Widow with flattering success. The ore is not so high grade but there appears to be lots of it so that is one consolation for these light working prospectors.

It is announced that Messrs. Fine & Pankey will operate the Red Bluff mine this summer. We opine that it will prove a grand success.

P. J. McCaery of Red Bluff is feeling like a French dancing master. Pat informs me that he has struck it away up. It seems Pat was running a level on the Pay Rack mine and encountered a cross lead which he says is two feet and a half wide and samples one-hundred fifty dollars per ton. No wonder Pat carries a broad smile on his face. We would too if dame fortune would hit us that way.

Edward Johnson, the mill man at Sterling, says he will have the mill crushing ore by March 15th. The whistle will then toot for the first time since 1866.

Chas Stewart & Co., lessees of the Galena mine at Sterling, are extracting good ore. They will soon make a shipment to Butte.

It is announced that the wet goods store will resume business on Gray Back hill about the 1st of April.

Henry and Allen, mining men from Goose Creek, looked over the Flat, Monday.

It is reported that Butte parties will start a store at Sterling in the near future.

In order to pass away these long evenings and improve their spelling residents of Sterling have organized a spelling school which meets at P. V. Jackson's office every two weeks to practice. Your correspondent, by special invitation, dropped in to see how the members could spell and was surprised to see how large, difficult, jaw breaking words were masticated. But when the president requested your correspondent to try his hand at the word "weevil" he failed, and took to the hills for meditation, after exposing his ignorance.

Edward Johnson & Co., who have a bond on the Rose Bud mine, will soon put a force of men at work on the property.

The firm of Miner & Calvert has

been dissolved, Mr. Miner assuming all indebtedness of the old firm. The business will be carried on as usual by Mr. Miner at the old stand, 96 Polcat street, Pony.

L. A. Dunham of the Revenue company left for Butte, Sunday.

Miss Ella M. Dimmock of Norwegian Creek visited Mrs. P. V. Jackson of Sterling, Friday.

The boys at the Revenue mine recently gave a dance. It is said that the guests had a splendid time with excellent music and a fine supper, with sourkront on the side.

R. B. Turner, late superintendent of the Revenue properties, visited the Flat last week.

Michael Shaughnastic is confined to his room with a slight attack of La Rum. Probably what caused his sickness would if given in light doses put him again on his feet. But we don't claim to be a doctor therefore we make no charges for the prescription.

### MEADOW CREEK.

**Don Spaulding Remembered—A Hop—Personal Mention.**

MEADOW CREEK, Feb. 27.—[Special Correspondence.]—Several of the friends and relatives of Don O. Spaulding assembled at his home Feb. 26, as a reminder that his 75th birthday was at hand. A fine turkey was duly discussed, a pleasant day passed and the company dispersed wishing their host many pleasant returns.

The dance held at the hall last Friday night was a very successful and pleasant affair. Good music was in attendance and "the light fantastic" was tripped until after the break of dawn. Besides the home contingents, Pony, Ennis, Sterling and Richmond Flat were well represented.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. MacDonald gave a dinner on Tuesday last, it being Master Murdoch's fourth birthday.

G. B. Bess has been a severe sufferer for some time with rheumatism.

Irvin Higbie has returned from his eastern trip.

The Madison Valley Brass Band will give a concert here, March 2.

Lewis Mitchner, a former resident of this place was buried at Bozeman, Feb. 24.

### SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

**Organization Affected at Great Falls—Paper by A. J. Bennett.**

The Sons of the Revolution met and organized at Great Falls last Saturday. The following officers were elected: Charles H. Benton, president; John F. Mercer of Livingston, vice-president; Alden J. Bennett of Virginia City, second vice-president; John J. McClelland, secretary; Charles H. Robinson, historian; M. Burlingame, treasurer; Charles D. Elliott, chaplain; Joseph O. Gregg, Frank G. Hopking and H. P. Ralph, managers. The society proposes to see that the fourth of July and other revolutionary anniversaries are properly celebrated.

A historical sketch, of the Society of Sons of the Revolution, prepared by A. J. Bennett of this city, was read and listened to with great interest, and at its conclusion a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Bennett. The paper is very interesting and we regret that we have not the space to reproduce it in full.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

### LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of \$100 for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1888.

A. W. GLEASON,  
Notary Public.  
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY, Toledo, O.  
Sold by all druggists, 75c.

### Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name and style of Moritz & Hayden is this day dissolved by mutual consent, E. H. Hayden retiring. I will continue the business. G. MORITZ.  
February 18, 1895.

### "WHY SO SAD, WILLIE?"

**A London Police Court Incident That Made Even Lady Somerset Laugh.**

All London is laughing now over a bit of testimony that was given in the hearings on Lady Henry Somerset's crusade against the London music halls. Not to be behind our own Dr. Parkhurst when he began his crusade, Lady Henry Somerset determined to take the bull by the horns and collect evidence herself. She secured another lady as zealous as herself as a companion, and the pair obtained the services of a young curate of their acquaintance as male escort.

Now, it happens that Lady Somerset is a woman of very generous proportions and withal so handsomely made that some of the ungodly have been wicked enough to suggest that her ladyship would make an enchanting living picture herself. It chanced also that the lady who was to accompany her was of a similarly generous build, if anything rather the larger of the two. On the other hand, the young curate was slight and weakened, with a pale, mild face, that bore a perpetual air of melancholy.

The trip was made, and when the detective party was placed upon the stand during the hearing the justice asked her ladyship if in her travels about in the slums she had been molested or accosted in any offensive way. Lady Henry was compelled to reply that she had not, but that, on the contrary, she had rather respectful treatment. Her companion gave similar testimony.

When the little curate took the stand, the judge asked the same question of him—if he had been accosted.

"Yes," replied the little man in a shrill voice, "and very offensively too."

"Well," said the judge, "what did the women say to you?"

"Well, sir," the curate declared, with comical indignation, "in one of the music halls a couple of women came up to me, and one of them brazenly chucked me under the chin and said, 'Why so sad, Willie?'"

Even Lady Henry Somerset could not suppress her laughter.—New York Herald.

### BACTERIOLOGY.

**This Bacillus Business Has Spread So As to Make Us All a Little Nervous.**

Of Campbell's lives of the lord chancellors, in the succession of which there was a possibility that he might himself appear, Lord Brougham said that it had added a new terror to death. Life has been so stuffed with new terrors by the bacteriologist that there is hardly room for another, and beside him the most prolix and prosaic historian and biographer becomes an innocent and harmless figure indeed. There is hardly any physiological or moral condition which is not now fitted with its bacillus, the proportion and structure of that microscopic reptile being given with diabolical accuracy and verisimilitude. It would really be a relief not to know quite so much of the minute organizations which accompany morbid pathological states if there were any way of escaping it. The doctors have to know, of course, but the knowledge might be confined to them, as the sacerdotal mysteries used to be to the priesthood. It would save no end of popular anxiety and alarm. With every symptom the patient is now assured that he is assailed by a new and virulent micrococcus, and the constantly published researches of the microscopists tend to inflame his imagination and increase his alarm.

Here is an Italian bacteriologist who says he has discovered the bacillus of old age, and when he has found out the right sort of salt to put on its tail its ravages will be at an end, and old age, as a condition, will pass away, subsisting only as a theory or remote retrospect. He has not yet disclosed the structural outlines of this curious reptilian debutante, and it may be only an after dinner vision, to which science will deny a recognized place, leaving old age, as it was before, an incurable condition, with an invariably progressive tendency, in no need of bacteria to accelerate it.—New York Tribune.

### A Penalty Worse Than Death.

Though the death penalty was practically abolished in Belgium over 30 years ago, the punishment of those convicted of capital crimes is so awful that none has yet been able to endure it more than three years. But the condemned man might more mercifully have perished by the ax or rope. He is placed in a dungeon so constructed that from the moment he enters it he will never hear the sound of human voice nor see a living being. His food is passed in through a sliding panel in the door of his cell. Not one of these prisoners has been able to survive this confinement more than three years. The authorities have striven in vain to prolong their lives by varying their food as much as possible, but those who are moderately or lightly nourished gradually waste away, while those who are generously fed go mad and die raving maniacs.