

# IN VIRGINIA TOWN

## THE LOCAL WHIRL OF VIRGINIA'S VORTEX.

**Hon. E. D. Weed Visits Virginia—Finding a Glassy Momento—Ras Rochester Will Sell Out—Personal and Social.**

Chas. Van Brocklyn of Red Bluff is in town.

The legislature will adjourn next Thursday.

George H. Lyon of Lyon is at the Madison House.

A son was born to Mrs. P. May, of Adobetown, Monday.

William Fletcher of Meadow Creek was in town yesterday.

Charles Prentiss of Twin Bridges was in town Wednesday.

Col. Callaway has recovered from a severe attack of la grippe.

Judge Showers and court stenographer Monaghan left for Dillon Wednesday morning.

W. W. Morris, the well known Pony mining man, was in the city several days this week.

L. L. Gordon, of the well known firm of Gordon Bros., of Meadow Creek, was in the city Tuesday.

Prof. Ackley, who is doing evangelistic work in Butte, contemplates an eastern trip in the near future.

Mrs. Harrison, widow of the late H. C. Harrison, was in town Saturday on business pertaining to the Harrison estate.

James Powel, chief clerk of the Madison house, will spend next week with friends in Butte. He will leave in the morning.

Read the article on "Napoleon in Egypt" by George L. Kilmer on the last page of the MADISONIAN. It is interesting.

J. D. Heald, exprobate judge of Madison county and a citizen of Virginia for many years is now a resident of Windham, New Hampshire.

Miss May Gohn, who had the misfortune to sprain her ankle while dancing at the last Lotus club reception, has almost recovered from the effects of her injury.

J. L. Clem, an old time hotel man, has taken charge of the Ruby hotel at Sheridan. Mr. Clem will undoubtedly prove a popular caterer to the wants of the tired traveler.

Prof. Geo. H. Elling contemplates a visit to Butte in the near future. The object of his visit to the smoky city will be to perfect himself in some of the latest steps terpsichorean.

William Hendra and Lillie Pink, both of Silver Star were united in marriage at the Easton House Thursday evening, the nuptial knot being fastened by Rev. Wiley Mountjoy.

Rev. Holmes, who until recently had charge of St. Paul parish, has returned from a visit to his family in British Columbia. He will probably resume his labors in this locality.

James Garrison of Adobetown has begun some dry work on his diggings, preparatory for the season's placer operations. Alder gulch miners will be very active during the coming season.

A beautifully embroidered lady's silk handkerchief was found on the street a few days ago. It will be returned to the owner on application to Henry Steffens, sporting editor of the MADISONIAN.

Through the medium of the Heart and Hand, a journal devoted to matters matrimonial, it is understood that a marriage is about to be consummated between a young man of this city and an eastern lady.

R. C. Halliday, the well known wholesaler, was in town to-day. Mr. Holiday, in common with many others is strong in his denunciation of the exorbitant revenue laws provided for by the political code.

At the Methodist church Sunday night the pastor will speak on self culture. The young people are especially invited. Epworth League meets at 11 a. m. and Sunday school at 3 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Miss Janette Davis, whose ability as a teacher is too well known to need mention in these columns, has been elected to the position in the Virginia City public schools made vacant by the resignation of Miss Rafferty.

Ira French's many friends in Madison county will be pleased to learn that he is now a permanent fixture in the mercantile establishment of R. O. Hickman. Ira has in him all the elements necessary in the "make up" of the successful business man.

David Keneally, one of the pioneer placer miners of Alder Gulch, was in town Monday settling up the Harding estate, of which he is administrator. Mr. Keneally is now operating on Wisconsin Creek above Sheridan and expects the coming season to be a busy and profitable one for him.

Mayor Weed of Helena, who, before the Fourth legislative assembly met, was a prominent senatorial possibility, was a Virginia visitor this week. He was here on legal business concerning the Revenue mine of Richmond Flat. Mr. Weed is a very pleasant gentleman and made many friends during his sojourn in the ancient capital.

George Gohn has added a pork packing department to his meat market and has now in process of curing, for the summer trade, the carcasses of about 70 hogs. Mr. Gohn believes in keeping as much money in circulation in Madison county as possible and buys his pork from Madison county ranchmen. Sheridan furnished most of his present supply.

St. Paul's church, Virginia City, Friday, March 1st. Litany and Penitential service with address 7:30 p. m. Choir practice after service. We would like the boys and girls as well as adults to come and help us. Sunday, March 3, service with holy communion and sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 3 p. m. and evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. David Homes, Rector.

A silent, glassy momento of brilliant journalistic triumphs of the past, abandoned by its owner in the days of his affluence, was found in one of the dusty drawers of a desk of the MADISONIAN office a few days ago. It was a deserted "store eye" of an ex-editor of this journal and strange to relate, it shed no tears of joy when it met the man to whom it was once attached and from whom it had long been separated. A re-union was affected.

The Ladies' Reading Circle will hold its first reading at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gohn, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. The society will be the guests of Miss May Gohn. A varied programme will be rendered, and papers on the principle characters of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," will be read. Every member attending is required to do something toward the entertainment of the society.

A couple of Montana turkeys recently killed had taken into their aristocratic craws to assist in deglutition 13 valuable sapphires, several ounces of gold and just enough silver for change. It is now fashionable among Montana poultry to have jeweled interiors and it is estimated that the emulous fowls of the new state have within 11 months of 1894, scratched up and swallowed \$11,637,514.65 worth of gems and precious metals.—Omaha Bee.

Ras Rochester has decided to sell his mercantile establishment at Laurin and leave the county. He will locate in Spokane Falls, Washington. Mr. Rochester has been very successful and has accumulated in a very few years, in the neighborhood of \$50,000. He offers his place of business for sale at reasonable terms, and proposes to close out his stock of goods at cost. Mr. Rochester's many friends will regret to learn of his intended departure.

Next Friday evening the Lotus Club will give a hard times ball. This is not necessarily a fling at the present administration, but comes from a desire upon the part of the trustees of the club to give Lew. Callaway, Tom Polard, Ward McAllister French and other members of the Long Tail Club, an opportunity to shine in all the glory of ragged splendor. The occasion will be a unique and pleasant one. Any gentleman wearing a boiled shirt will not be admitted.

Lewis Michner, a member of the Pioneer Society of Montana, died at his home near Bozeman last Monday. Mews of his death reached here Wednesday. He arrived at Alder Gulch in July 1864 and for years was a resident of Nevada City and this place. Until a few years ago when he took up his abode in Gallatin county, he resided on Meadow Creek. He was found dead in the woods near his home by his son. He was a man much respected among the pioneers.

The county board of equalization, Pat Carney, Joseph J. Boyer and T. J.

Farrell, which was in secession last week, concluded its labors Friday evening. Assessor Foreman states that the board made but few changes in the appraised valuations of county realty. The board did not classify this year, but appraised each piece of land separately, for which the assessor is duly thankful. His duty will be to place a value on the improvements. Mr. Foreman expects to commence his work of assessment next week, if possible. He is of the opinion that his valuation on live stock is merely a form, as the state board will probably make its usual brilliant finish in this respect.

### THE DISTRICT COURT.

**End of a Very Short Session—Business Disposed of.**

The case of Augusta A. Smith vs. David Stoddard was tried before Judge Showers, Tuesday. It was a suit brought by Mrs. Smith to recover \$500 damages, the plaintiff claiming that the defendant had cut timber to this value from ground belonging to her. She alleged that 184 trees had been cut, some of which ran in value as high as ten dollars each. The defendant admitted having cut 42 trees of no particular value. The testimony was so conflicting that the judicial mill was paralyzed for a few moments, and Judge Showers concluded to visit the ground in person before rendering his decision. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Hery Elling vs. H. M. Fitch, administrator of the estate of James M. Bradley.

In the case of Henry Elling and W. W. Morris vs. Joseph Bonham, the default of the defendant was entered and judgment was rendered for plaintiffs for three thousand dollars and costs.

The suit of W. M. Elm vs. T. J. Farrell was dismissed by consent.

Court adjourned Tuesday night.

### THE LITERARY.

**A Very Interesting and Instructive Programme.**

The promoters of the Literary society have reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their undertaking. When President Morse called the meeting to order Wednesday evening the church was crowded.

Interest centered in the debate, which was very entertaining. The topic was "Resolved, That the Government should own and operate the railways. The affirmative speakers were President Morse, T. J. Lowman and Miss Josephine McCloud, while the negative champions were Mrs. J. M. Herndon, Matthew Nelson and Mrs. Thomas Duncan. The judges were Mrs. Dr. McNulty, T. J. Farrell and Dr. Southmayd. The debate was quite spirited and the affirmative orators won.

Herman Kramer and Miss Ella Beaber recited and Miss H. M. McGovern gave a select reading. Music was furnished by Messrs. L. D. Hall, Matthew Nelson, A. J. Wilcomb, T. J. Lowman, Misses Burns, McCloud, Wilson and Mrs. Tom Duncan. As usual Rev. Mountjoy made a hit with his good natured criticism of the proceedings.

The subject for debate at the next meeting of the society is "Resolved, That the inventions are beneficial to the laboring classes." The Leaders of the debate are A. J. Wilcomb and D. E. Stokes. Music, reading, etc., as usual. The first number of the new semi-monthly society paper "Virginia City Gossip" will be read. Mrs. Flora McNulty is editress.

### Watters-Rafferty.

Frank S. Watters of Twin Bridges and Miss Ethelda Rafferty of Virginia City, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Caswell of Central Ruby, Sunday, the Rev. Oliver officiating. The bride has been a resident of Madison county since her childhood, and for the past two years has been a teacher in the public schools of this city. She is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. The groom is a well known young man of Twin Bridges, where he is assistant superintendent of the Orphans' Home. Mr. and Mrs. Watters left for Twin Bridges, Monday. The best wishes of a host of friends go with them.

### Virginia City Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Virginia City post-office March 1, 1895.

Bertell, Charles; Coons, Mrs. E. W.; Fergus, Wm.; Fite, Henry; Kellogg, Miss Mable; Pierce, A.; Procter, Mr.; Royce, Albert; Chaddock, F. F.; Tucker, T. W. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised."

Wm. MARR, Postmaster.

# THE GRAND FINALE

## CLOSING DAYS OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

**Alderson's Bill Will Not Pass—The Ways and Means Revenue Bill Increases the License All Along the Line—Read the List and See How it Affects You.**

HELENA, Feb. 25.—[Special Correspondence.]—Senator Metzel, in conversation with the MADISONIAN correspondent, expressed himself as confident that Alderson's bill to cut off a portion of Madison county and annex it to Gallatin, is as "dead as a door nail."

The revenue bill—amending the code—introduced by the committee on ways and means, with but few exceptions, raised the licenses from the code figures. The code placed the licenses too high, but the new bill, in a number of instances, "rees the code and raises it."

Billiards, pool and baggabelle tables are to be charged \$7.50 a quarter, an advance of \$1.50, and bowling alleys \$10 a quarter, just double the present rate. Instead of \$1 a day or \$15 a month, theatres are to be charged \$5 and \$25 respectively; single exhibitions of opera or concerts, not in a theatre paying a monthly license, \$2, instead of \$1; variety and concert hall, whether an admittance fee is charged or not, \$75 a month, an increase of \$25; minstrel, tragedian or other shows not specially provided for, \$5 instead of \$4 for each performance, when not in a regular theatre; circus and menagerie, not including inside shows, \$150 a day, an increase of \$50. No license is charged for amateur affairs or those for school or charitable purposes.

The retail liquor licenses provided in the code are \$60 a month where the business is \$10,000 a month or more; \$50 where it is between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and \$40 where it is under \$5,000. The bill makes a different rating: in places containing 10,000 inhabitants or more, \$375 is charged semi-annually; where there are from 5,000 to 10,000 people, \$237.50 semi-annually; where there are from 3,500 to 5,000 people, \$225; where there are from 1,000 to 2,500 people, \$240; where the population is from 300 to 1,000 the license is \$180 semi-annually, and in places of less than 300 inhabitants, \$120.

Merchants are licensed according to the amount of average monthly sales, as follows: \$100,000 a month, \$110 a month, an increase of \$10; from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a month, \$82.50, an increase of \$7.50; from \$50,000 to \$75,000 a month, \$55, an increase of \$5; from \$40,000 to \$50,000 a month, \$33, an increase of \$3; from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a month, \$27.50, an increase of \$2.50; from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a month, \$22, an increase of \$2; from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a month, \$16.50, an increase of \$1.50; from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a month, \$11, an increase of \$1; from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a month, \$8.50, an increase of \$1; from \$1,250 to \$2,500 a month, \$5.50, an increase of fifty cents; on less than \$1,250 a month, \$4.40, an increase of forty cents.

Some licenses are imposed by the bill which are not included in the code list. Sellers of oleomargarine, butterine or imitation cheese must pay \$25 a quarter in addition to their other licenses. Those who keep weighing or platform scales for hire are expected to pay \$10 a year license.

Foot peddlers \$10 a quarter, an increase of \$5, and where they use a horse and wagon, \$20, an increase of \$5; where two horses are used the license is \$30 a quarter, an increase of \$10. Peddlers of the agricultural productions of the state or articles manufactured by them are exempt from these licenses. A reduction is made in the licenses for race tracks. The code made the license \$100 a day during racing. The bill makes it \$25.

In regard to brewers and wholesale dealers in malt liquors a new classification made, which raises the license from 66 per cent. to 125 per cent. The code imposed a monthly license of \$20 where the sales amounted to \$1,000 or more; \$10 where the sales were between \$500 and \$1,000, and \$5 if less than \$500 a month. The bill makes the license \$100 a month when the sales amount to \$3,000 or more a month; \$50 a month when the sales are between \$1,000 and \$3,000 a month; \$25 when between \$500 and \$1,000 a month, and \$15 if less than \$500. The

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license of manufacturers of pop, soda or like drinks is \$25 a month, just five times what the code made it. Distillers' licenses are left as at present, \$900 a year.

The licenses for stallions, jacks and bulls are also unchanged, the latter two \$10 a year, and the stallions from \$10 to \$75.

Telephone, telegraph, gas and electric light companies fare better under the bill than they did in the code. The code made the license \$300 for each, in every county where business is done, without the regard to the size of the place of business or amount of business done.

Lawyers, doctors, dentists, photographers, insurance agents and real estate agents must pay a license of \$5 a quarter, instead of \$4. The code made the license for livery stables \$15 a quarter. The bill grades it. In towns of 500 or less it is \$5; in towns of from 500 to 1,000 it is \$10, and in towns of over 1,500 it is \$15. Corrais pay \$8, the same as in the code; hacks and express wagons \$2.50, and for each additional horse \$2.50.

Bankers and brokers are also to pay the same licenses: those doing \$250,000 or more business in a quarter, \$100 a quarter; between \$200,000 and \$250,000 a quarter, \$80 a quarter; between \$100,000 and \$200,000 a quarter, \$40; between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a quarter, \$25; between \$5,000 and \$50,000 a quarter, \$15; under \$5,000 a quarter, \$5.

Hotels, restaurants, eating stands and lodging houses must pay license as follows: Where the business is less than \$2,000 a quarter, \$12.50 a quarter; and where it is more than that, \$12.50 for each additional \$2,000 or fractional part thereof.

The licenses of ferry keepers and water companies are doubled in the bill, which fixes them as follows: Where the quarterly receipts are \$500 or less, \$10 a quarter; where the receipts are \$1,000 a quarter, \$40. The licenses of laundries are also doubled and made \$10 a quarter; while those of steam laundries are raised from \$25 to \$40 a quarter. Railways, horse, steam, motor or electric, must pay \$150 a quarter, double what the code provides. Architects, builders, contractors, loan or real estate agents and manufacturers are taxed \$50 a year.

The political code made no provision for licensing gambling, as the penal code prohibited the game. The revenue bill contains a section fixing the license on gambling, which will have to be stricken out if the senate bill prohibiting gambling passes the house. In all places of 300 or more population proprietors of games are to pay license of \$150 a quarter, and an additional \$90 a month for each faro table, and \$750 a month for each table on which stud poker, percentage, draw poker, twenty-one, high ball, blue-jack, chuck-luck, short faro or craps; \$750 a month for any room where keno is played; the same for each roulette table, and the same for any other banking game not mentioned. In towns of less than 300, the license is to be one-half what it is in larger places.

Senator Metzel, in a private letter, says "House bill 110—Alderson's segregation measure—has been referred back to committee. I think it will die there." Better news could not be had.



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