

IN VIRGINIA TOWN

BRIEF BITS OF LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Doings of Virginians and Madisonians—Social and Personal Gossip—The Unofficial Local Record of the Past Seven Days.

Virginia barber shops close next Sunday.

Matt Shaffer was up from Sheridan, Monday.

Eugene Cheely arrived from Denver, Wednesday.

Fred Gibson was in from meadow Creek, Wednesday.

Mrs. Case visited her husband at Richmond Flat last week.

Maj. Henry Elling and Sheriff Jos. Haines spent Monday in Sheridan.

The Saturday Afternoon club now meets weekly instead of semi-monthly. Methodist Church, Sunday March 24.—Sunday School at 3 p. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m.

James Leiter is authorized to collect Leiterville accounts and sign receipts for the same.

Will A. Clark spent several days of this week in Bozeman on business of a legal nature.

Miss Barbara Wilson has returned from Central Ruby, where she has been visiting friends.

Joe Hyde was down from Summit, Monday. Mr. Hyde expects a very busy season at his camp this year.

G. A. Blakely, the traveling merchant tailor of Sheridan, was in town Monday enroute to the Revenue country.

In order to make room for more news the editorial page of this paper has been changed from the fourth to the first page.

William O'Brien, the well known commercial tourist who always does a land office business in Virginia, is at the Madison House.

J. J. McKenzie was up from Sheridan, Tuesday. He says he has uncovered a three-foot vein of gold bearing rock on his "Rattlesnake" claim.

Those who are interested in the orphans' home at Twin Bridges should read the interview with Senator Metzler in another column of this paper.

Placer miners are thawing out under the genial rays of the spring sunshine and in a few weeks old Alder gulch will be the scene of active operations.

General Manager Henderson and Dr. Van Marter will arrive from the coast almost any time and resume extensive operations on their properties near Summit.

Rev. Morse and wife leave for Twin Bridges Monday morning. Mr. Morse will be engaged in special services at Sheridan with Rev. Oliver for the coming week.

Clark Anderson is in the city to-day. There is no truth whatever in the rumor that pneumatic tires are soon to be placed on the wheels of Anderson Bros. coaches.

George H. Elling has closed his business college and will shortly go on the road as the traveling representative for the northwest of the King Manufacturing company of Chicago.

Ed. Gohn says too many people read the MADISONIAN. The graphic description of his ride down Leiter hill in a biscuit baking pan in last week's paper has made him notorious.

The Lotus club will give a necktie and apron dancing party at Armory hall this (Friday) evening. It's next dance, which will probably be it's final one for this season, will be a masquerade.

George Casey, the sage of Granite Creek, came to town Monday to see the Virginia sunshine and learn what was going on in the outside world. He says the snow is four feet deep in Granite canon.

The new barber shop law goes into effect at once and in compliance therewith, Messrs. Moritz, McLain and Hayden will close their shops Sunday. Sunday whiskers will be at a discount in the future.

The St. Patrick's Day ball given by Messrs. Goyd & Dauterman at Laurin last Monday evening was a very pleasant affair and quite largely attended. Quite a number of Virginia City people were present.

Wm. Brookman was in the city a few days ago and while here stated that the blizzard of last week knocked the

mechanism of his windmill higher than Gilroy's kite. The water pipes froze and burst.

Miles J. Cavanaugh, a Butte attorney, was in town Sunday enroute to his home from a business trip to Richmond Flat. He is of the opinion that the Monitor mine will prove one of the best producers in the state.

Hon. Alex Metzler returned to his home at Puller Springs Saturday, taking with him his suspicious looking Saratoga. The senator emphatically denies the matrimonial rumor circulated concerning him by Representative Rossiter.

S. Audiffred, the Laurin merchant, was in town Thursday. Mr. Audiffred is one of the oldest subscribers on the MADISONIAN lists. During 18 years sojourn in his native country, France, it was, as he expresses it, a weekly letter from Madison county.

Attention is called to the county advertisement in another column, calling for bids for the care and maintenance of the county poor on the poor farm. The bids will be opened at special session of the commissioners to be held Monday, April 1st, next.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sunday March 24.—Sunday School and Bible class at 3 p. m.; evening service and sermon at 7:30. In the morning there will be service, litany and sermon at the hall in the Madison valley at 11. The Rev. D. Holmes, rector.

A well attended and very enjoyable dance was given at Nevada City last Friday evening. Quite a number of Virginia City people were present. James McClurg and Bert Kellogg were floor managers and Professors Striker and Budd furnished the music.

Dr. Bradley is back from Twin Bridges. His patients can find him at his Virginia City office until Thursday March 23, when he will leave for Ennis. Ennis people with aching molars can find him at the Ennis hotel after the above date for a few days only.

O. M. Best of the Montana Mercantile company, came over from Dillon yesterday. A portion of the trip he made on his bicycle. Mr. Best says that bicycle riders are thicker in Dillon than were supporters of Helena after the late capital campaign.

The Largey mill will resume operations, we understand, within the next three weeks, under the supervision of Superintendent Rice. The mine and mill will employ from 25 to 30 men, and most of the old employees, who were discharged when the mill closed down last fall, will be re-employed.

Efe Mathis, accompanied by his nurse, George Cummings, came up from Sheridan Saturday. Mr. Mathis expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all who has shown interest in his unfortunate condition. Accompanied by Cummings he left for Butte Monday, from which place he will go east for treatment.

Robert Vickers returned from Monroe, Nebraska, yesterday, to which place he was called about ten days ago by the serious illness of a brother. The sick man had almost completely recovered when Vickers left for Montana. He was accompanied on his return trip by his son Dawson, who has been away about a year.

In another column will be found an article, reprinted from the Butte Inter Mountain relative to the rumored sale of the Parrott company's properties to the Anaconda company. We reprint the rumor as published by our Butte co-temporary, but hope that it may prove to be a canard, as it would be Gaylord's death blow.

A. J. Wilcomb and brothers, Frank and Orin, have purchased the mercantile establishment of Ras Rochester at Laurin. They will not take charge until about May 15, at which time they expect a complete new stock of goods. The store building will be renovated and enlarged in the meantime. This establishment is conceded to be one of the best country business points in the state, and as the Wilcomb Brothers are young men of known ability and worth, their success is assured.

A well known Dillon merchant who was in the city a few days ago, informed the MADISONIAN man that the business men of Dillon would be glad to subscribe liberally for stock in the proposed Virginia, Sheridan and Twin Bridges telephone line on a proposition to extend the line to Dillon. The Southern Montana Telegraph Company will meet tomorrow evening, and meeting at this particular time gives ground for the surmise that the telephone proposition will be considered by the stockholders of this enterprise.

No barber shop will be open Sunday.

HERE'S GOOD NEWS

THE ALAMEDA MILL WILL RESUME.

It Will Treat Ore From the King Mine, and Will Start up About April 1—Messrs. James, Marks and Farrell Will Operate It.

The most gratifying news this community has received for some time is that the old Alameda mill at the head of Wallace street will resume operations in the near future. It will be operated under lease by Fred Marks, Ben James and J. T. Farrell and will treat the ores of the U. S. Grant mine, owned by J. M. King, on which the lessees of the mill have a lease and bond.

The mill is now undergoing a thorough renovation, and Arch'd McGown, who will be superintendent, expects to have it in shape for the treatment of ore by April 1st. It will be operated night and day and will employ 14 men. Fred Marks will be mine superintendent and John Sigfried will probably have charge of the night shift. About 20 men will be employed at the mine.

The property is certainly in splendid shape, with an abundance of ore in sight and the vein widening as the mountain is penetrated. A rich strike recently made there looks better with each succeeding shot and the vein is now said to be over three feet wide.

The fact that the mine is located about three quarters of a mile up the gulch, makes it a town enterprise, and all the men will be quartered in the city. The inhabitants of Virginia are not feeling very badly over the new enterprise which is about to blossom forth in their midst. Of course the MADISONIAN whistle wont be in it with the big mill tooter up the street, but we don't feel a bit jealous about that. Our whistle is a modest whistle and is willing to take a back seat on this occasion.

The perseverance and pluck of Fred Marks has its reward. He has dug away in the hill alone, when matters did not look so bright as they do now, and we hope that the returns of the future will compensate him for the lonely hours he spent in the tunnel, when his principal backing, was his faith in the mine. Until his present partners become associated with him his path was not rose-strewn. The MADISONIAN congratulates the gentlemen who are the promoters of this new enterprise. Their prosperity means the town's prosperity, and in common with a whole lot of other people, we wish them abundant success.

The shut down of the Easton left an abundance of idle men in this section, many of whom will find employment with the new concern. It is hoped that no laboring men who read this article will come to Virginia in search of employment, as the supply is much greater than the demand.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

A Large Audience Listens to an Interesting Programme.

The "standing room only" sign was out when President Morse called the literary society to order Wednesday evening. The programme was as follows:

Music.....Chorus
Reading.....Mrs. Bailey
Solo.....J. W. Powell
Essay, "The National Park,".....Mable Elling
Music (?).....Ponograph Co. [Will Stevenson, Mat Nelson and a portion of Elling, Knight & Buffalo's establishment.]

The Semi-Monthly Gossip, No. 2, was then read by Mrs. Flora McNulty, editor. It kicked on lack of patronage in true journalistic manner, and the only thing lacking, usually found in first class periodicals when young, was the circulation affidavit. After a duet by Miss Nellie Cole and James Powell followed the debate on "Resolved, that city life is preferable to life in the country." The affirmative speakers were Mrs. Cheely and Matthew Nelson; the negative Mrs. Thomas Duncan and James Powell. The judges were Prof. Hall, Wm. J. Foreman and Mrs. D. R. Beck. The decision was in favor of the affirmative.

The subject next week will be "Resolved, that the U. S. should adopt the Free Coinage of Silver without regard to other Nations."

Administrator's Sale.

Remember the sale of the Collins ranch, near Laurin, Saturday, March 30. Best stock and farm ranch in the county. A bargain for somebody. Terms of sale made known at sale.

MEADOW CREEK.

A St. Patrick's Day Dinner—Social and Personal.

MEADOW CREEK, March 19.—[Special Correspondence.]—Mrs. W. A. Fletcher and daughter Winnifred left last week for a visit to southwestern New York.

Miss Maggie Oliver has been somewhat indisposed the past week.

Mrs. McCauley, who has been the guest of Mrs. G. B. Bess, has returned to Virginia City.

The Madison valley brass band gave a concert at the church Saturday evening.

Will Wickes was in the valley the first of the week.

Mrs. John Ormiston has been quite ill but is now convalescent.

A St. Patrick's day dinner was given by Mrs. S. A. Buell, which was an honor to "Ould Ireland's patron saint." If a dinner can be said to talk this was truly an eloquent one.

Will Gilbert is spending a few days with friends at Meadow creek.

Mr. A. J. McDowell and wife Sunday-ed at Washington Bar.

Mrs. Blanch McDonald is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. M. Bonner.

New lines of bicycles in. Do not fail to call and see them whenever in town. Dillon Implement Company.

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Toothsome is grain fed beef. You can buy it of Ben James. He is now selling beef which has been fattened on grain.

Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Montana Telegraph and Electric company for the purpose of electing trustees and considering other important business will be held at the office of W. A. Clark in Virginia City on Saturday evening, March 23, 1895.

HENRY ELLING,

A. J. BENNETT, Secretary.

Notice For Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT

BOZEMAN, Montana, March 19, 1895. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the district court at Virginia City, Montana, on April 30, 1895, viz: Jacob M. McColey, H. E. 187 for the northeast quarter of section 26, township 2 south, range 1 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph I. Haines, Virginia City, Montana; John L. Hartman, Samuel R. Smith, and Timothy B. Switzer of Ennis, Montana.

C. P. BLAKELY,

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Fancy Poultry . . .

Eggs for setting from high bred Leghorns, (prize winners at world's fair), White Crested Black Polish, Golden Wyandottes, and Light Scotch Brahmas can be had of D. R. Beck, Virginia City, Mont., at less than eastern prices, saving express charges and breakage.

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IT'S A GOOD CAUSE

THE MATHIS BENEFIT AT SHERIDAN.

It Promises to Swell the Relief Fund to a Considerable Amount—Virginia Will Send Terpsichoreans Galore—A Worthy Object.

In the misfortune which threatens to cost him his sight, Efe Mathis has the sympathy of the entire county. His friends, however, are active. The Leiterville ball committee, consisting of Ed Adams, L. Owens and J. L. Campbell, and of which James Leiter is secretary, have concluded to give the benefit ball at Sheridan instead of Leiterville. The change was made on account of the more central location of Sheridan. The proceeds of the ball will go to swell the Mathis relief fund and it is certainly to be hoped that so good a cause will be handsomely patronized by all whose sympathies have been touched by the sad story of Mathis' misfortune. Physicians say that under the most skillful treatment he has a fighting chance to recover that sense most dear to every man or woman—sight. He left for the East a few days ago.

There may be people whose hearts and sympathies are more easily touched by the necessities of deserving but unfortunate man, than those of Madison county, but we have yet to hear of them, and for this reason we are of the opinion that the crowd which will assemble at Sheridan one week from next Saturday night will be an extraordinary large one. Such gatherings do more good than accomplishing the apparent object.

The Virginia contingent promises to be a large one. Ed Gohn is selling tickets here and has succeeded in disposing of a large number. Tickets are also on sale in all the principal towns of the county, but should it so happen that any reader of the MADISONIAN should not be seen by those in charge of the ticket sales, and is desirous of purchasing a ticket for the good of the cause, this paper would be glad to act the happy medium through which the contribution could be received and the Mathis fund enriched accordingly.

Remember the date—March 30, and don't forget to come.



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