

IT WAS A DELUGE

THE WAY THE SNOW FELL.

Last Sunday Recalls the Heavy Snow of the 60's When Alder Was Filled and Jim Mitchell Swam a Horse Across Granite.

The heavy snow which came last Sunday like the dew of heaven, and did the placer miners and farmers and those who deal with them, so much good has set the oldest inhabitants to figuring, and Jim Mitchell in speaking of the big storm which visited this section June 15, 1868 and that the snow was two and a half feet on a level about Virginia, 18 inches deep in the valley, and that the gulch was full of the beautiful. The snow melted rapidly and so heavy was the fall that the gulches were soon roaring torrents. The Virginia bound stage was stopped by the water coming down Granite Creek, and the passengers bivouaced for the night without shelter just on the other side of the creek, the stream being impassible. The next morning, Mr Mitchell swam his horse across the stream to where the trapped travelers were encamped and a few hours later, when the water had subsided somewhat the stage forded the stream and come on to Virginia.

Bozeman was visited by a heavy storm also in the early 60's about the time of Virginia's big storm, concerning which W. H. Babcock said to a Courier man:

"There was a snow storm like this just thirty-one years ago. There were not very many of us here then. May had been a dry month and everything was drying up. Several of us met one day and decided that we ought to pray for a snow storm. By general consent it was admitted that the best man in the crowd was Steve Howes and we thought of having him do the praying. It was finally decided to elect one of the party to do the praying. Ballots were prepared and John Stanley counted them. Stanley was generally conceded to be the man of the party to whom praying would not come easy and natural. On the contrary he could do some very effective swearing whenever he was stirred up a little. When the ballots were counted there was general surprise that Stanley was the one elected. Stanley was the most surprised man of the lot and he just stormed around. He said the ballot was fraudulent and it was decided to take it over again. At this ballot Stanley received every vote but one—presumably his own. He first declared he would not do the praying but finally decided that he would, but he would go into a clump of timber near by where no one of us could hear him. This was agreed upon. He went out to the center of the grove and two of the party who crawled up to the edge said he sent up to the throne of grace an invocation that would do credit to Rev. Bird. He was down on his knees and he prayed earnestly for fifteen minutes evidently fully appreciating the gravity of the situation, for the crops were sorely in need of moisture.

"Well sir, in a day or two it commenced to storm and we had a snow fall of eighteen inches. I shall never forget the second day of the storm when everything was covered inches deep in snow and it was still snowing. I met Stanley and I never saw him look so serious. He said to me, 'I'm afraid I've over-done the business.'

"But it turned out all right and we had splendid crops that fall. They were all small patches of ground but the yield was over a hundred bushels to the acre."

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SINCERELY MOURNED.

Sheridan Daughters of Honor Pass Memorial Resolutions.

Sheridan, Mont., June 12.—[Special Correspondence]—At a regular meeting of Myrtle Lodge No. 8, D. of H., A. O. U. W., held June 5, 1895, the following resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty God the Supreme Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst our Beloved sister Jennie Thomas, and

Whereas, while we bow submissively to the will of our Heavenly Father we deeply mourn the loss of our departed sister.

Therefore be it resolved, That in the death of our sister, Jennie Thomas, Myrtle Lodge No. 8, Degree of Honor A. O. U. W., has lost an active and useful member, a sister who was worthy of our esteem and regard, a friend who was respected by all and a good and faithful sister.

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of the lodge be extended to the family and relatives in their affliction.

Resolved, that a last tribute of respect to our beloved sister—our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the lodge, and a copy be sent to the family of our deceased sister, and to the MADISONIAN for publication.

Richard Herhold, Alice Copp, Mary Herhold, Committee

RUMOR IS RAMPANT

SPECULATIONS CONCERNING THE EASTON.

The Guessing Contest was Started by the Recent Visit of an Expert to the Mine—Denver and Eastern Capitalists Interested.

All sorts of rumors were afloat about town this week concerning a mysterious something relative to the famous Easton, but Mr. Fine, who was seen by a Madisonian man, had no information for publication. An expert, representing a syndicate of Denver and eastern capitalists, is known to have made a thorough examination of the splendid property, but the whyfors and wherefores of his visit could not be learned.

Those interested in the future of Virginia can be assured of one consoling certainty and that is that the Easton workings are in the very heart of what is one of the richest and most extensive deposits of ore in Montana—capital does not long overlook such deposits, and the time is not far distant when the Easton hill will be teeming with life and activity. The fact that the ore is there is an assurance of the fulfillment of this prophecy.

The mine will be worked to a limited extent this summer and the mill will start up about the first of August.

IMMERSED BY A WOMAN.

Unique Services Near Arcola, Ill., Witnessed by a Large Throng.

A novel baptizing occurred at Lake Fork creek, Illinois, Sunday. This little branch of the Okaw is located about four miles north of Arthera, a small station west of Arcola on the Vandavia railroad. Thirty-nine converts were baptized, and a woman preacher performed the rites. It is owing to this fact that 5,000 people were in attendance at the baptizing. Near the place is a large double gate. Through this gate 1,115 vehicles passed, and giving each vehicle an estimate of four persons, which would be very conservative, the attendance would number in all 4,400. These figures do not include those who attended on horseback, bicycles and various other ways.

Mrs. Kate E. Miller, who had control of the baptizing, took her position in midstream and immersed each individual with the ease and exactness of her sterner brethren. Fourteen men and 25 women composed the list, and by 6 o'clock p. m. all had been baptized.

In an interview Mrs. Miller said: "My original home is in Garrison, Neb. My father was a preacher before me, and at an early age I felt it my duty to do what I could in the cause of the Lord. I believe that persons are judged by the good they do, and I feel that I am doing all the good I can. I am an earnest believer in the New Light doctrine, and an endeavoring to spread its teachings to the public."

"Have you an assistant in your work?"

"Yes; I am working in conjunction with Mrs. Alice A. Draper of New York city. She has been a source of great help to me in my work, and I cannot speak in terms too highly of her."

Mrs. Miller is 50 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. For the last eight months she has been holding revival meetings in the community, and her work is marked with many accessions to the church.

A CRACKERJACK!

VIRGINIA WILL REVEL IN PATRIOTISM.

On the Fourth of July—With Every Day the Prospect Grows Brighter—The Outside Attendance Promises to Be Immense.

With all committees working in perfect harmony and all of Madison county interested, nothing remains to make Virginia's big celebration a most stupendous overflow of patriotism save pleasant weather when the eventful day arrives. Letters received from various parts of the county indicate that the attendance will be away out of the ordinary. A gentleman writing from Pony states that a large delegation will attend from that place and the intervening country will be well represented. The Ruby valley, Sheridan and Leiterville will be here in force, and there are sections to hear from.

The general reception committee selected at last Friday's meeting of the executive committee is as follows: J. M. Knight, Alex McKay, J. H. Davis, John Thomas, Philip Ward, George Leinenweber, Fred Allen, E. D. Hart, Julius J. Kohls, John S. Allen, Joseph Smith, A. J. Wilcomb, Wm. Marr, M. Mailand, Luther V. Buford, J. S. DeWitt, John Reed, Harry Warmington, J. A. Knight, H. L. Childs, C. W. Rank, Eugene Stark. These are in addition to the members of this committee selected at a previous meeting. The name of Miss Neddie Cole, as a member of the committee on vocal music, should have been published last week.

An attraction that is not often witnessed in this neck o' the woods will be the tight rope exhibition by Messrs. Stevenson and Smith. The rope will probably be stretched from the Madison house to the top of J. M. Herndon's furniture store. The men are in daily training and will perform all the difficult feats known to the science of aerial prambulation.

Virginia's big celebration has been well advertised in all parts of the county and the crowd that will be here promises to be an immense one. The length and variety of the programme will reward those who come. It is made up of strong attractions and the day will be a busy one.

It is understood that Prof. Striker has composed a couple of marches which will be rendered for the first time in public on the Fourth. The band boys are meeting three times a week and will be loaded with harmony and melody to the muzzles when the eventful day arrives. Virginia's band is one of the institutions of which she is proud.

Leiterville will probably attend Virginia's celebration in a body. So great is the interest taken by the men in Madison county's big day that Mr. T. Benton Leiter, in order to allow all to attend, has decided to close down the mine and the mill for the day.

THE MADISON VALE

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This (the eastern) side of the valley contains the greater body of agricultural land, and all kinds of crops produce fabulously large yields, wheat producing from forty to sixty bushels per acre and oats from fifty to ninety bushels. There are several small orchards started and the hardier varieties of apples, etc., thrive well. More attention is now being paid to fruit-tree planting and it will not be surprising to see in a few short years this valley dotted with orchards. All kinds of small fruit are very successful and the strawberries, gooseberries and currants cannot be surpassed either for yield or quality. Garden vegetables grow rapidly and cannot be beaten under any conditions.

The main crop on the western side of the river is hay, the land being well adapted for it and a large amount of stock being kept—cattle, horses and sheep. The agricultural land is only about one-fourth of the grazing land, so stock raising will always be the most important branch of ranching. Each ranchman easily raises and puts up enough hay to feed his stock upon a short time in the winter and the abundance of range affords them their living the remainder of the year.

The rugged Tobacco Root range, which forms the western boundary of the valley, is literally seamed with gold. Here some day will spring up a second Butte, with a prosperity founded upon a more secure basis—the yellow

metal. There are many "prospects" all the way up the slope of Ward's Peak, one of the highest mountains in the state, locally and familiarly known as "Old Baldy," which if properly developed would make valuable mines. In a short range running from the Tobacco Root and opposite the canyon is one of the oldest mining camps in the state, Richmond Flat. This camp was founded early in the '60's, but has been neglected somewhat until now. There are two companies operating mines—the "Revenue," an old-time gold producer, and the "Monitor," which is bountifully rewarding the company which stood by it. The Revenue company operates a cyanide mill through which they run about fifty tons of their own ore per day. The Monitor company ship their ore to Butte, but will probably build a mill before another year comes to hand. There are now over 100 men working on Richmond Flat and the prospects for a great gold camp were never brighter.

As this section is tapped by a branch of the Northern Pacific road from Sappington, ore is easily and cheaply shipped to the smelters at Butte. This camp will furnish a ready market for the ranchmen of the valley and the prosperity of all classes will be increased. There are also numerous copper veins in the above range which as yet lack capital to develop, but the time will surely come when money will flow our way and these many sources of wealth be made to yield rich harvests. We have been somewhat isolated and neglected, the tendency being to pass by and overlook the old for the new Eldorado. But interest is now being attracted to the richness of our mines and it is safe to predict that ere the dawn of 1900 the Madison country will be as well and favorably known as any in Montana. We have an intelligent and patriotic class of people who know and appreciate the value of their country. With fertile soil, countless flocks and herds, forests of pine and unlimited mineral wealth, the Madison is an empire in itself.

FRED L. GIBSON, Meadow Creek, April 11, 1895.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the third annual meeting of the stockholders of the Granite Mountain Stock Farm will be held at the office of the company number 222 north Main street in the City of Butte, Montana, on the third day of July 1895 at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of trustees to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly be brought before the meeting.

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