

# OVER THE COUNTY

## PROPERTY VALUED AT \$2,500 DESTROYED.

### Wm. Ennis' Barn, Several Small Buildings, About Sixty Tons of Hay Consumed—Laurin Happenings—Other County Intelligence.

ENNIS, July 16.—[Special Correspondence]—Fire at Ennis this afternoon destroyed property to the extent of about \$2,500, including a large frame barn, harness, machinery, several out buildings, and about 60 tons of hay belonging to Wm. Ennis, and a horse owned by John Trout. The fire was discovered about 1:15, shortly after the men had gone into the fields to work, and had made such headway that the fighters could do nothing but prevent its spread. Twice the hotel and residence of Mr. Ennis caught fire but the flames were put out before much damage was done.

Will Ennis was burned slightly on both feet. No one else was injured. No insurance was carried on any of the buildings.

This fine weather maketh the farmer rejoice and the merry hum of the mower is heard in all directions. The hay crop is not so good as usual but still the crop is fair.

Mrs. Woodworth and her son are expected to arrive this week. They will be the guests of Mrs. Saunders.

Miss McAtee, who arrived this week from Missouri, is visiting with her uncle, Mr. McAtee of this valley.

Misses May Bull, Nellie Switzer and Carrie Evans went over to Twin Bridges on Saturday. They will attend the summer normal at that place.

Mrs. Boardman and her two daughters are spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Amos Davidson of Bear creek.

W. J. Ennis wears a smiling face these days. When asked the cause of all such joy, he says we have another girl in our house and then he passes the cigars.

Presiding Elder Bennet preaches in the Maynard school house on Friday evening and at Meadow creek on Sunday.

### LAURIN HAPPENINGS.

#### A Visit From the State Veterinary—Personalities

LAURIN, July 17.—[Special Correspondence]—The farmers in this vicinity are getting their mowers in trim for hay season now at hand. Dr. Amson, of the Brook-Nook farm, informs us that he has finished the first cutting of alfalfa. He believes in the early cutting of this species of grass.

The state veterinary, Mr. Williams stopped over one night in our village on his way to the Upper Ruby. Mr. Williams is a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman to meet and the careful, thorough pains taking way in which he discharges his work in the interest of our stock growers and the state at large from diseased animals, demonstrates to us that he is the right man for the office. He informs your correspondent that the diseases common to our domestic animals throughout the United States are particularly light in this state.

Augustus Smith and Chas. Ryan came down from California gulch Sunday to get necessary supplies for their mining camp.

Joe Bophy, proprietor of the Laurin hotel, made a trip to Whitehall to procure material for the renovation of his house. If you want a square meal, stop at Joe's.

Stradling and McDonald, the contractors for the erection of Wilcomb Brothel's new store, are very skillful and fast workmen. The only objection that we have to their work is, they make too much noise so very early in the morning that it disturbs our peaceful slumbers. The strange feature of it all is, Joe Bophy declares that they do not interfere with his morning nap. By this Saturday they will have the new store ready to move into.

The many friends of Alfred Kyle regret very much to learn of his misfortune in the loss of the sight from one of his eyes. C. O. N. TRIBUTE.

#### To the Farmers of Ruby and Beaver-head Valleys

We have two high grade double seated carriages, two pole buggies, single seat, partially worn, in good condition. They can be inspected at our barn at Dillon. We will trade any or all of them for hay or grain.

ANDERSON BROS.,  
Dillon, Mont.

### FROM MEADOW CREEK.

#### A Cave Party—A Lecture—School Closed—Richter the Rider.

MEADOW CREEK, July 17.—[Special Correspondence.]—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henry are visiting friends in the valley. They declare themselves to be well pleased with their new home and surroundings on the Yellowstone.

Mrs. C. M. Pinekney will give a party Friday evening in honor of the guests of her son, Clyde.

A number from here visited the cave on Shell Creek, Sunday. Another party will go over next Sunday.

Dr. J. A. Gibson lectured Monday night at the hall.

Quarterly meeting will be held next Saturday evening and Sunday. Rev. Morse of Virginia City and Presiding Elder Bennett will be present.

C. J. Richter now rides (?) a brand new bike. It is a Kenwood and a daisy.

Prof. Fred Gibson will close his second successful term of school here Friday.

County Superintendent D. L. Herndon, accompanied by her sister spent a few days of last week at Meadow Creek visiting the school Friday.

### THE LEITERVILLE LIBRARY.

#### It is Organized, Officered, Equipped and has Members Galore.

LEITERVILLE, July 17.—[Special Correspondence.]—Residents of this place are taking great interest in the library recently organized here. The first paper received was the Butte Inter-Mountain. Other papers being received regularly are: San Francisco Daily Examiner, North American Review, Anaconda Daily Standard, Omaha Bee, Chicago Daily Inter Ocean, New York Sunday World, Denver Daily Times, St. Louis Globe Democrat, Judge, Paek, Scandinavian Chicago, Madisonian, Salt Lake Tribune.

The officers of the library are as follows: President, Geo. N. Giles; vice-president, James Corelli; secretary James W. Leiter; treasurer and librarian, Frank Nelson.

Members of the society are as follows: Geo. Giles, Chas. Fuller, John McGuire, James Corelli, Sank Thomas, George Swartz, Andy Lindfors, John Nohnstrom, Theo. Olson, Geo. Warner, Henry Kleinsmidt, John Stoltz, D. H. Ross, Phil Hoffman, Chris Spaude, I. Irenson, Pete Nored, John Ellingston, Pete Clifford, R. S. Edwards, Geo. Bopod, Gus Peterson, Wm. Reeves, Pat McGehan, Chas. Colgan, Ole Pearson, D. McDonald, Joe Anders, Mat Hayes, Dan McPhail, Tim Lynch, E. J. Shields, H. Riley, John Sennett, A. Dennis, John Dunbar, Geo. N. Taylor, Adam Berggarman, Hugh Coyle, Ike James, Hugh O'Donnel, Pat Driver, Mike Kerigan, John Berdsley, Dan McLeod, A. B. McCleary, Chas. Boyle, Wm. Benham, L. Bender, Henry Powell, Ed Edgill, Robt. Russell, N. McLeod, Eugene Sullivan, Ellis Nedding, John Olson, Frank Nelson, J. W. Leiter.

Every man, working ten days in the mine is eligible to membership, the dues being 25 cents per month. It is an institution which promises to do the men much good.

### CENTENIAL VALL:Y.

#### Travel Very Active—Movements of Prominent People.

MAGDELEN, July 15.—[Special Correspondence.]—The frosts of the past few nights have killed the gardens in this man's country.

Mr. and Mrs. Shambow and W. N. Culves and wife returned from Virginia on the 7th instant. They report a very enjoyable time there on the 4th and 5th. Mrs. Culves and Mrs. Shambow made yearly proof on their present claims.

Robt. Burns and H. I. Winslow each made homestead entries last week. The land will soon all be taken in this part of the county.

Sam Bamsick has opened his grocery store at Monida and is doing a good business. It is a great help to the Valley people.

Will Metzger says the frost did not hurt his garden at all—the squirrels got there first.

Fred Peterson and the Misses Annie, Lizzie and Ethel Peterson of Ruby Valley spent the Fourth at Will Metzger and Bob Boatman's camp. They all went to Elk Lake fishing and boat riding, and had a very pleasant time until Pink Tuseman undertook to give the boys lessons in boating. They would not allow the ladies to go with him on his trial trip, but Claud Powers and Ralph Peterson at last ventured

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ed to go. When about 50 yards from shore, the boat went down, and the boys had to swim for their lives. Peterson told Tuseman he might as well drown where he was, as he would surely put him back if he made the shore, but Pink agreed to get the wagon out, so Peterson concluded to let him live.

Everyone is preparing to commence haying. The hay crop seems to be short this season, but if it turns warmer hay will grow some yet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blake, Jack and Leister Shambow, Fred Hanson and George Dinger all went to Lake Idaho for the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fitch camped at the head of Long Creek last week and put in two bridges.

The coal mine at the head of Long Creek, is being worked and is tunneled in forty feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Shambow have a little stranger at their house. Came the sixth of June and bears the name of William Authur. SUMMIT.

### WHO KILLED KING FARO?

#### Text of the New Law Prohibiting Gambling:

"Every person who deals, plays, carries on, opens, or causes to be opened, or who conducts, either owner or as employe, whether for hire or not, any game of faro, monte, roulette, lansquet, rouge-et-noir, rondo, tan, fan tan, stud horse poker, seven-and-a-half, twenty-one, draw poker, or any banking or percentage game, played with cards, dice or device, for money, checks, credit or any representative of value, is punishable by a fine not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, and must be imprisoned in the county jail until such fine and costs of prosecution are paid, such imprisonment not to exceed one year; and every person who plays or bets at or against any of said prohibited game or games is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Every person who knowingly permits any of the games mentioned in the preceding sections to be played, conducted or dealt in any house owned or rented by such person, in whole or in part, is punishable as provided in the preceding section.

"Every person who by the game of 'three card monte,' so called, or any other game, device, slight-of-hand, pretensions to fortune telling, trick, or other means whatever, by use of cards, or other instruments, or implements, or while betting on sides or hands of any such play or game, fraudulently obtain from another person money or property of any description, must be punished as in the case of larceny of property of like value.

"Every person duly summoned as a witness for the prosecution, or any proceedings had under this chapter, who neglects or refuses to attend, as required, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"No person, otherwise competent as a witness, is disqualified from testifying as such concerning the offense of gambling, on the ground that such testimony may criminate himself; but no prosecution can afterward be had against him for any offense concerning which he has testified.

"Every county attorney, sheriff, constable or police officer, must inform against and diligently prosecute persons whom they have reasonable cause to believe offenders against the provisions of this chapter, and every such officer refusing or neglecting to do so, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Every owner or lessee, or keeper of any house used in whole or in part as a saloon or drinking place, who knowingly permits any person under 21 years of age to play at any game of chance therein, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Every state, county, city, town or township officer, or other person who shall ask for, receive or collect any money, or other valuable consideration

### It's a Ticklish Subject

this matter of deciding upon a route. So many things have to be considered.

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either for his own or the public use, for and with the understanding that he will aid, exempt, or otherwise assist any person from arrest or conviction for a violation of section 360 of the penal code, or who shall issue, deliver, or cause to be given or delivered, to any person or persons, any license, permit, or other privileged, giving or pretending to give, any authority or right to any person or persons to carry on, conduct, open or cause to be opened, any game or games which are forbidden by section 360, of said code, and any such officers who shall vote for the passage of any ordinance or by-law giving, granting, or pretending to give or grant, to any person or person, any authority or privilege to open, or carry on, conduct any game or games prohibited by section 360 of the penal code, is guilty of felony."

### FLOOD OF THE NILE.

#### THE GREATEST EVENT OF ALL THE YEAR AT CAIRO.

#### Impressive Ceremonies at the Cutting of the Bank to Allow the Water to Flow Into the Canal—The Ancient Nilometer on the Island of Roda.

The tourist who only comes to Egypt to shun "winter and foul weather" knows nothing of the majestic glories of the Nile flood. The ancient Nilometer at the south end of the island of Roda, just above Cairo, is one of the most interesting sights of the place. The water enters from the river by a culvert into a well about 18 feet square, with a graduated stone pillar in the center. On each side of the well is a recess about 6 feet wide and 3 feet deep, surmounted by a pointed arch, over which is carved in relief a Kufic inscription, and a similar inscription is carried all around the well, consisting of verses of the Koran. A staircase goes down the well, from the steps of which the initiated may read the height of the water on the pillar, but they are few in number, and the hereditary sheikh of the Nilometer, whose duty it is to keep the record, is a person of some importance. The Nilometer dates from A. D. 861, and I believe in the archives of Cairo may be found the daily record for 1,000 years.

I need hardly tell you that when our English engineers took the river in hand we established a number of gauges at Wadi-Halia, Assuan, Cairo and many other points on more scientific principles than the venerable Nilometer of the Roda island.

After the river has begun to rise its height is daily chanted through the Cairo streets until it reaches 16 cubits on the gauge. At this point the Khalig el Masri, the old canal that flows through the heart of Cairo, is opened—up to this point it is dry, and full or empty it is little more than a sanitary abomination at present, but in former days it occupied an important place, and when the Nile water was high enough to flow down its bed it was looked on that the flood had fairly set in, and that the kindly fruits of the earth might be duly expected.

The head of this canal is on the right bank of the river, just south of Cairo. The water enters a channel some 30 feet wide, with a high wall on its left and a sloping bank on its right or southern flank. The water then flows under the pointed arch of an old stone bridge. The bed of the canal is cleared so that it would flow in at a gauge of about 14 1/2 cubits, but an earthen bank is thrown across it about four feet higher.

There is no more interesting ceremony in Egypt than the annual cutting of the khalig, as the opening ceremony is called. It takes place between Aug. 5 and 15. Days before preparations are made for the festival. Tents with innumerable lamps are placed along the wall on the one side. Frames for all manner of fireworks are erected on the sand bank on the other side. All the notables are

there in full uniform or in canonicals. The khedive himself or his representative, the Sheikh ul Islam, the highest dignitary of the Mohammedan faith; the Sheikh el Bekri, the Sheikh el Sadat, all the learned scribes of the great university of the Azhar, the cabinet ministers and under secretaries, the sirdar of the army and his staff, the judges and the financiers.

The Egyptian troops are turned out, salutes are fired, and about 8 o'clock in the warm summer night the classes all assemble under the gayly lighted tents, the masses crowd round the frames for the fireworks, the street is lined with harem carriages full of closely veiled figures, though it is not much that they can see from their broughams. Out in the river just opposite the canal's mouth is moored an old hulk of a certain sea-going outline, which has been towed up from Bulak during the day and is an emblem of the time when the great republic of Venice sent an envoy to witness the ceremony. This boat is full of lamps, and fireworks too. As the night deepens the excitement increases. The populace on the bridge and opposite bank are shouting, yelling and dancing wildly round the fireworks.

On the other side are the gay uniforms and lighted tents, from which we can look over the wall down on the dark water, where you see brown figures plunging in and, waist deep, digging with their hoes at the embankment that blocks the canal's mouth. Long before midnight the fireworks have gone out and left the splendid stars to themselves; the grandees have all gone to bed, but the people keep up the revelry, and in the morning, by 7:30, every one has come back. Then but little of the bank is left uncut, and a few more strokes of the big hoes will do it, and the brown skins and brown water reflect the bright sunlight from above. Then the Sheikh ul Islam solemnly thanks the Almighty, Allah the all powerful, the all merciful. He implores his blessing on the flood, and at a signal the bank is cut, the waters rush in, and with them a crowd of swimmers. A bag of silver piasters is scattered among them, and the ceremony is at an end.—Nature.

### Wanted In the Sanctuary.

The sexton, a short, bony individual, tiptoed to the church door and looked anxiously up and down the street. There was no one in sight, except an innocent, harmless, ragged tramp. The sexton looked at him a moment and hesitated. Finally he went forward doubtfully and touched Weary Walker on the shoulder.

"I beg your pardon," he said timidly, "but would you mind coming inside for a few minutes? The minister wants to say 'My dear brethren,' and there's only me in the church."—Boston Budget.

### His Lay.



Saturated Sam—I say, Weary, you ought ter git yer hair cut. People'll laugh at yer. Weary Ways—Not much. I give it to 'em dat I'm a college man in hard luck, and me tangled locks substantiate der story. See!—New York World.

### They Come High.

She (pointing)—Before we were married you used to bring me candy every time you came.

He (briskly)—Yes, my dear, and it cost a good deal less than the meat and potatoes I bring you now.—New York Weekly.

### Cause For Worry.

Debtor (apologetic)—The payment of that account is a source of constant anxiety to me. I assure you.

Creditor—Very likely. You're afraid you might forget yourself and pay it.—Chicago Record.

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