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## THE WEEK IN VIRGINIA

### LOVE AND BLOOD IN CHINATOWN.

**Ah Hung, or Ought to Be, Slices Him Ja(ow)—Ah Hung is a Bad Man—Has Served a Term in the Pen—Other Local Matters of Interest.**

Last Monday evening about 5:30, a cutting affray took place in Chinatown, in which Ah Hung inflicted a wound about two inches long, and running in to the bone, in the left cheek of Jaow Him, a Celestial formerly from Butte. The weapon used was a butcher knife, with a blade about six inches long. The cutting was the result of a quarrel over a Chinawoman, named Susie. The wounded Chinaman was taken to the office of Drs. Ragan & Southmayd, where the wound was sewed up by Dr. Southmayd, assisted by a MADISONIAN reporter.

Sheriff J. I. Haines was informed of the cutting affray, and immediately repaired to Chinatown and placed Ah Hung under arrest. Upon coming up town Sheriff Haines met County Attorney Callaway, who advised the sheriff to turn the prisoner loose until a complaint was filed, as in the morning it might be impossible to find a Chinaman who would swear to a complaint.

Later in the evening a warrant, charging Ah Hung with assault in the second degree, was sworn out by County Attorney Callaway, upon complaint by several Chinamen, before Police Judge McGowan. The warrant was given to Under Sheriff Jas. Summers, who, accompanied by a MADISONIAN reporter, hid himself to Chinatown and arrested Ah Hung and the butcher knife with which the cutting is alleged to have been done.

Ah Hung, who stands fully six feet in height, and weighs over two hundred pounds, is known among Chinamen as a "bad" man, and is held in mortal terror by them. He is the same Chinaman, who, about eight years ago, stabbed Ah Fat between the ribs, and served two or three years in the penitentiary for that offense. It is said he killed a Chinaman in California several years ago, and served a term in the pen for that.

Shortly after Ah Hung was discharged from the pen at Deer Lodge, he returned to Virginia City, and when asked where he had been since leaving here, replied: "Oh, me been visting friends in Helena."

The preliminary hearing was called before Police Judge McGowan in the county attorney's office at the court house, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, but owing to the fact that an interpreter was asked for by the defendant, was postponed to Monday, February 24th, at 10 o'clock a. m. The authorities have sent to Dillon for a Chinese interpreter.

### BILED SHIRTS BARRED.

The "Hard Times" Ball at Nevada Was an Enjoyable Event.

The "Hard Times" dance at Adelphi Hall, Nevada, last Friday evening, was numerously attended. Several couples went down from Virginia, and report having had one of the best times imaginable. Some of the participants in the terpsichorean exercises wore "biled" shirts and dress suits, and created considerable amusement, when informed by the managers that no "biled" shirts or dress suits went at their ball, by removing the aforesaid articles of wearing apparel, and dancing the remainder of the evening in calico shirts and "bloomers."

### A PLEASANT EVENING.

Miss Fannie McGregor Entertains a Party of Friends.

Miss Fannie McGregor entertained several friends last Friday evening at cards and parlor games. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowker, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cheely, Misses Nelson, Heinze, McCloud, Cole, Lottie Elling, Gainan, Wilson, Clara and Sarah Gilbert; Messrs. Hall, Steffins, Ward, Pollard, Pankoy, Southmayd, Powell, Clark, and Smith.

### A HOT NUMBER.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Literary a Pleasing Success.

The special programme at the first anniversary exercises of the Virginia City Literary Society, was well rendered to an immense audience at the Methodist church, Saturday evening. The exercises opened with a quartette, entitled "The Midnight Moon is Beautiful," which was beautifully sung by Misses Cole and McCloud and Messrs. Hall and Stevenson. This was followed by a brief history of the society by the Rev. Wiley Mountjoy, in his usual happy manner. The vocal solo "The Moonlight Sail," was very sweetly sung by Miss Barbara Wilson. The laughable recitation, "The Courtin'," was well rendered by Miss Fannie McGregor, after which Mrs. S. R. Herndon read an essay on "The New Woman," which was well received. Messrs. Stevenson and Nelson sang a duet, which was so well received that they were called up again, and sang the comic song "He Never Came Back." Here came the debate on the question "Resolved, That There is More Pleasure in Realization Than in Anticipation." R. A. Vickers spoke on the affirmative, while the Rev. F. Guiler looked after the negative side of the question. The judges were Mrs. G. Moritz, L. D. Hall, and Harry Warmington who decided unanimously in favor of the argument made by R. A. Vickers. The recitation "Sister and I," and the Valedictory by Mrs. W. W. Cheely, was well received. The quartette "Home is Where the Heart Is," was then sung by Misses Cole and McCloud and Messrs. Hall and Stevenson. At this juncture, President Mountjoy addressed the audience and stated that he did not remember whether or not he had informed them in his inaugural address, the meeting before, that his administration of the literary society was to be a democratic administration, if not, he wished to inform them that such was the case, and that he believed in a tariff for revenue only, and forthwith called on two gentlemen to pass the hat. The collection being counted, President Mountjoy announced that the amount collected was \$13.05 and a beer check, and as the check had probably been dropped in the hat by mistake, the owner could have same if he would come forward, prove property and take the animal away, or words to that effect. The next public meeting of the society will be held at the Methodist church Wednesday evening, March 4. Everybody welcome.

### ON WITH THE DANCE.

Let Pleasure be Unconfined at the Armory This Evening.

This (Friday) evening Company D, N. G. M., will give a grand ball and supper, a la Militaire, in commemoration of Washington's birthday. Everybody who can should attend, as the proceeds go into the ball fund, and it is to the interest of all Virginians to help the military boys all they can in this direction. As soon as sufficient money is raised, the company will build a hall that will be a credit to our city—one that can be used as armory, dance hall, opera house and for all public gatherings. This is something Virginia City is badly in need of, and we hope ere long to see construction work going on. Everybody should turn out and help themselves as well as Company D.

### BULLS EYE BOYS.

Company D's Team is Making Some Excellent Scores.

Company D's military rifle team are practicing every week, and are making some high scores. The Virginia City sojer boys are going after the cup at the state tournament this fall, and if they keep on improving, they will take a team to the State Rifle tournament that will down anything in the state. Following is the score made at last week's practice, the 200 and 300 yard ranges:

Dean W. Vickers.....	79
Knute Ellingston.....	79
Charles Gray.....	74
Thomas Strong.....	73
Chas. W. Mead.....	72

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### DECIDED AGAINST CHILDS.

The Supreme Court Hands Down Its Decision in the Lucas Case.

The suit of H. L. Childs vs. Nelson Ptomey and H. C. Ptomey, in which the plaintiff received a verdict for \$3,000 as commission due on the sale of the Lucas mine, came up before the supreme court, Monday, on an appeal from the order of the lower court overruling the motion for a new trial. The judgment was reversed and the cause remanded with leave to plaintiff to amend the complaint and try the case anew. The case will probably come up again at the next term of the district court in May.

### THE ORCHESTRA CONCERT.

It Was Well Attended and Thoroughly Enjoyable.

Last Monday evening, Virginians were regaled with a musical treat in the shape of a concert, given by the young ladies' orchestra. This was their first concert, and was an immense success, all the participants performing their part remarkably well. The young ladies have only been practicing a short time, and if they continue to improve as they have in the past, Virginia City will have a ladies orchestra to be proud of. We hope the young ladies will give us another of their musical treats in the near future.

### 'T WAS A SUCCESS.

Dr. McNulty Performs an Optical Operation on Miss Harriman.

Dr. Chas. A. McNulty performed a successful operation Thursday of last week on the left eye of Miss Annie Harriman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harriman of Junction. The eye was what is known as cross-eye, and was becoming so bad that she could scarcely see with it at all. Since the operation the eye has resumed its normal position, and the young lady says she can see equally as well with either eye.

### AN AFFIDAVIT MAN.

Bob Hawkins Can Now Swear People Officially.

Governor Richards has commissioned Robert N. Hawkins of Pony, a notary public for Madison county. His commission is dated February 11, 1896, and was filed with County Clerk Barclay Jones February 17.

### THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Joe Evans of Ennis, perambulated our streets a couple days this week.

Frank McKee is busily engaged this week putting up ice while the sun shines.

Hon. G. W. Burns and Wm. Mitchell came over from Ennis the first of the week.

Hons. Robert B. Smith and Henry N. Blake, of Helena, are attending court this week.

BORN.—In this city, on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1896, to the wife of Marion Baker, a daughter.

Count de Thomasino Thexton, of Ennis, spent a couple of days in Virginia the first of the week.

Mesdames Geo. Roe and J. Z. Clem of Sheridan, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell.

O. B. Varney, the veteran stockman of the Madison valley, is sojourning in the city for a few days.

Judge Frank Showers arrived from Boulder Sunday, and opened the first term of district court in 1896 Monday.

H. Schlesinger, representing N. W. Bender & Co., wholesale liquor dealers of Butte, was in the city the first of the week.

Public Administrator Julian A. Knight returned, Monday, from a trip to Butte, Helena and other places, on legal business.

Notice the change in the advertisement of Wilcomb Bros., of Laurin, this week. The boys are hustlers and will make things go.

The grocery firm of S. R. Buford & Co. can now take orders for goods over the telephone, Virginia's electrician, Will Delmiling, having placed a telephone in their store last Tuesday. Phones are becoming quite general in Virginia City now days, almost all business houses having this convenience.

Wesley Thompson was in from the Upper Ruby Saturday.

J. W. Stuart, of Ennis, sojourned in Virginia a short time last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bryant were in town Saturday, from Home Park.

Fred W. Wolverton, of Sheridan, was in town the first of the week.

J. F. Oliver, of Ennis, brought a load of produce to town Saturday.

Mrs. Van Brocklyn, near Laurin, was trading in Virginia, Saturday.

N. P. Christensen, of Sheridan, was perambulating our streets Saturday.

Senator Alex. Metzger of Puller Springs was in town the first of the week.

H. M. Marshall, of Laurin, was in Virginia City, Saturday, transacting business.

Todd Rodgers and A. B. Davis of the poor farm, transacted business in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. I. D. Porter came up from Sheridan, Sunday, and is visiting with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Smith.

Emerson Ray, the genial schoolmaster of Taylor's school house, was a Saturday visitor to Virginia.

Four vanner rollers for the Easton mill arrived from Chicago, last week, and will be placed in position as soon as possible.

R. T. Cook reports that everything is running smoothly at the Fortune group of mines preparatory to pushing development work.

Henry Elling is going to heat his residence with a heating furnace, which arrived this week, and will be placed in position soon.

J. Z. Clem is still in Atchison, Kansas, whither he was called some three weeks since to attend the bed-side of his mother, who is very low.

Thos. J. A. Mohaghan, court stenographer for the fifth judicial district, came over from Boulder Sunday to be in attendance of district court this week.

Wednesday of this week was Ash Wednesday, the first day in Lent. Appropriate services were held in St. Paul's Episcopal church by Rev. J. J. Bowker.

M. Mallard received a beautiful photograph of Fritz Sour Krout, St. Valentine's Day, and he is justly proud of it. The only fault he finds with it is its corpulency is almost too pronounced.

G. H. Cummings, who went to school in Virginia City in the sixties, and has been away from here for a number of years, returned last week, and opened a harness shop in the old International block.

The will of the late J. B. Laurin was admitted to probate in the district court last Monday. Mrs. A. L. Laurin, Mrs. Bernard and Moses Dupuis and wife, beneficiaries, were present at the hearing.

Elmer F. Johnson, executor of the estate of Minerva Cogswell, deceased, rendered a final account of the estate to the district court, this week, which was approved and the executor ordered discharged.

W. M. O'Brien, the genial traveling salesman, representing the dry goods and furnishing goods house of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., of Chicago, arrived in the city Saturday with sample trunks galore.

Thomas T. Baker, administrator of the estate of Sarah A. Baker, deceased, rendered a final account to the district court, this week, which was approved by the court and the administrator ordered discharged.

Miss Flora Duncan received a telegram, Saturday, calling her to Butte to teach one of the city schools. She left Sunday and entered on her duties Monday. Virginians will be sorry to lose Miss Duncan, but what is our loss is Butte's gain.

The board of appraisers, consisting of J. O. Moulton of Ruby valley, Wm. Ennis, of Ennis, and Solomon Wiles of this city met in the county assessor's office at the court house, last Monday, pursuant to call. The board organized by electing J. O. Moulton, chairman, and Wm. Ennis, secretary. The board are assisted in their labors in appraising real estate by County Assessor Foreman. It will take them several days to complete their labors.

Mrs. T. J. Farrell and Miss Bessie Farrell are visiting friends in the city this week.

Wm. Cantrell of Home Park was in the city yesterday. Mr. Cantrell reports the arrival of a baby girl at his home recently.

George Lowman will leave for Custer City, Idaho, on to-morrow (Saturday) morning's coach. He will take charge of the engine in the Fourth of July mill.

Dean W. Vickers, president of the "Never Sweat" mining company, announces his intention of resuming operations on the California group of mines, shortly.

Chas. M. McCoy, who has been engaged in a fruit store in Butte for some time past, resigned his position and returned to Sheridan a couple of weeks since. He was shaking hands with his many Virginia friends Saturday.

The members of the Christian church will favor the people of Virginia with an excellent drama within the next six weeks for the benefit of the church fund. A more complete announcement will be made in the near future.

C. H. Buford, who put a telephone in his livery barn a few days ago, has put an electric bell in the back of his barn which connects with the phone in the office, so he can now hear the call from any part of the barn. He reports business in his line as rushing. Every rig in his barn was out last week.

Friday evening, Feb. 28, the Junior League will give an entertainment at the M. E. church. A program consisting of recitations, vocal and instrumental music will be rendered, after which refreshments will be served. Every one cordially invited. Admission 25 cts. Children 15.

The entertainment and supper given at Masonic Hall by the ladies of St. Paul's Guild, Tuesday evening, was well attended. The literary program was excellent and the ice cream and cake delicious. George Callaway delivered an address of welcome, which was very good for one so young. He outlined the objects of the society and told what they hoped to do in the future.

So far this winter, Virginia City can boast of the finest climate in the state. The coldest weather we have had this winter was on January 16, when the mercury dropped to 6 degrees below zero. On the same day at other places in the state, the mercury went down out of sight, Red Lodge registering 21 degrees below zero. The weather, the past few days has been more like spring than winter, the sun shining warm every day, and the frost is almost out of the ground.

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