

**EXPLANATION OF WEATHER FLAGS**

- No. 1 No. 2 No. 3 No. 4 No. 5
- Interpretation of flag displays of the U. S. Weather Bureau:
- No. 1, alone, indicates fair weather, stationary temperature.
- No. 2, alone, indicates rain or snow, stationary temperature.
- No. 3, alone, indicates local rain, stationary temperature.
- No. 1, with 4 above, fair weather, warmer.
- No. 1, with 4 below, fair weather, colder.
- No. 2, with 4 above, warmer, rain or snow.
- No. 2, with 4 below, colder, rain or snow.
- No. 3, with 4 above, warmer, with local rain.
- No. 3, with 4 below, colder, with local rain.
- No. 1, with 5 above, fair weather, cold wave.
- No. 2, with 5 above, wet weather, cold wave.

**THE CITY IN BRIEF.**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Searle are in the city.

Edwin Norris, the Dillon Attorney, is in the city.

Assessor Foreman was in town a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wright were in the city Wednesday.

Ed Davis, of Ennis, spent a few days in Virginia this week.

There will be no services in the Episcopal church Sunday.

Dan Crowley of Upper Madison, was a Virginia visitor this week.

Prof. McFarland and Bert Maynard were in from Ennis Saturday.

James McAlister, the veteran of Meadow Creek, is here serving his county as a juror.

Ike Boyer came over from Last Chance gulch Wednesday. He did not tarry long, however.

J. H. Powell has returned from a flying trip to Butte, where the sulphur smoke is like nectar to his acclimated lungs.

Crossland Brooke, of Waterloo, who puts in about one month in twelve doing jury duty, is in the city as a liberty bulwark.

Work on the Easton road is progressing nicely under the direction of Supervisor Funk. The lower grade is about completed.

Robert Carpenter, who has been ill for some time, left for Sheridan Wednesday. He expects to go to Gregson Springs shortly.

Tom Baker, the veteran journalist whom everybody in southern Montana knows personally, is seriously ill at his home in Twin Bridges of some liver complaint.

Wm. Gilmer passed through town Sunday enroute to his home on the Madison. Mr. Gilmer has spent the last three or four months in Nebraska and Wyoming.

Walter G. Hartman, of the firm of Hartman & Hartman, Bozeman, was in the city this week on legal business. He was accompanied by E. A. Purnell, the mining man.

Musser and Rodgers will open up their new place Saturday night. They have made a number of improvements and have fitted up a quiet billiard and pool room on the second floor.

R. A. Vickers received from Bishop Brewer a license as lay reader. This will enable Mr. Vickers to assist the rector of St. Paul's very materially. Ere long he may be expected to deliver a sermon.

Ground will be broken in a few days for the new Easton mill which is to be put up at the mine. Most of the machinery is on the ground, but the work of construction has been greatly handicapped by the bad weather of the past month.

The County Commissioners will meet in regular quarterly session Monday. The most important matter that will come before them will be the letting of the contract for the Gaylord bridge. They will also appoint registry agents for the various voting precincts.

Mr. Matthew Nelson is appointed Representative from Virginia City to the Episcopal Convocation at Bozeman beginning June 21st. Dr. Stafford attends from Pony, and Mr. A. W. Switzer from Ennis.

Company D will be inspected tomorrow (Saturday) by Major Drinnan, of Bozeman, who has been detailed by the adjutant general for that purpose. The inspection is called for 9 o'clock at the armory. The major will remain in Virginia several days during which time the company will shoot for classification and insignia.

The warm weather of the past few days has caused considerable activity among the placer miners, whose operations, up to date, have been retarded by the weather. Ten days of sunshine, however, means that considerable work will be done in the gulch. The season, on account of the surety of an abundance of water, promises to be a prosperous one.

It is reported that George Farnsworth has sold out his interest in the Fortune group of mines to his son George Farnsworth Jr. and George P. Fisher his son-in-law. The younger Mr. Farnsworth is expected to arrive in Virginia early next week. The work will be continued. Mr. Schloss, of Boulder has been put in charge as general manager.

The Rector of St Paul's church would like all who were married or baptized by the Rev. R. P. Eubanks to find out from the registers at the rectory whether they have been registered or not. Fifteen baptisms and one marriage have been reported already which ought to be registered. Such omissions are often more serious than would appear to the people most interested.

A. D. McKittrick, the prospector and miner who has probed the hills of Madison county for the past quarter of a century in search of the precious metals, is in the city. Mr. McKittrick has been a financial shuttlecock in his time. He has been rich half a dozen times. Just now, however, he is basking in the sunny smiles of fickle fortune. He recently sold the Bozeman mine at Pony for \$30,000.

The suit of Patt Scott vs. Arch'd McGown was tried in the district court Tuesday. Scott brought the suit to enforce payment on a due bill for \$115, for labor performed as a miner; McGown did not deny the due bill but set forth in his answer that he acted simply as agent and that the Jesse Morgan Company, of which he was superintendent at the time, was responsible. The jury brought in a verdict for Scott for \$115.

George Henderson, manager of the Summit Placer Mining Company, was in town Monday. Mr. Henderson has been doing considerable development work on his property lately as well as taking out pay in satisfactory quantities. He has just opened 250 feet more of pay ground, enlarged his reservoir and sluice boxes, and expects to double his output in the future. By his improved facilities ground that could not be worked in the past will now yield handsome returns.

On Thursday last week Bishop Brewer confirmed in St Paul's Church a number of the girls' guild presented by the Rector. The sermon addressed chiefly to the candidates was eloquent and powerful, and will undoubtedly be long remembered. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir under Miss Anna Nelson. Decorations as usual were beautiful. The old hall at Ennis was crowded on Sunday morning last in spite of miserable weather and more miserable roads. The Rev. J. J. Bowker presented a class to Bishop Brewer for Confirmation, and all present heard from the Bishop a sermon as logical and convincing as it was eloquent. Next service Sunday Morning June 14th.

**WILL CELEBRATE**

The Eagle Will Scream in Virginia on July 4th Next.

A meeting will be held at Jake Albright's (tomorrow) Saturday evening, for the purpose of taking some action looking to the proper observance of our national birthday. All interested (and everyone ought to be interested) are invited to attend.

**THE BROADWAY.**

A New Mill Has Been Erected on the Property—Plenty of Ore in Sight.

W. R. Merk, who is in the city as a juror, says the Broadway mine at Silver Star, which is his property, is being handled in a very satisfactory manner by his son, W. W. Merk, who assumed the management about a year ago.

The Broadway is one of the oldest mines in Madison county. It has always been considered a good property but has never been worked with entire success until W. W. Merk took charge of it, all of which goes to show that the younger Merk possesses those intellectual elements so essential in the make-up of the successful mine manager.

Mr. Merk has just completed the erection of a ten stamp mill at the mine. Heretofore the ore has been hauled several miles to a mill below Silver Star, entailing considerable additional expense. The stamps are now dropping on ore and when some development work now in progress is finished, will crush about 15 tons of ore per day.

A 50-foot winze has recently been sunk through solid ore, opening up a fine body of some four or five thousand tons. Water has necessitated the cessation of this work however, and now it is proposed to sink the shaft about 450 feet deep.

Mr. Merk is working slowly, but with caution and economy. He is developing the Broadway into an excellent property.

**THE SHERIDAN DISTRICT.**

Anderson & Oleson's Big Strike—Ore Awaiting Shipment—Mining Notes.

Andrew Anderson and John Oleson have put in the winter to good advantage. They have taken out a few tons of ore of a golden quality that is warranted to help sore eyes. They recently shipped a car load of ore from their mine, which is situated a few miles above Sheridan, and the returns thereon are said to have been in the neighborhood of \$5,000, although there are some who place even this handsome estimate at a much larger figure. They have another car load of this ore on the dump which they propose to ship forthwith.

The outlook for the Sheridan district for the coming season is very bright, according to the estimate of Mr. Wint Raymond, who is in the city. A large amount of ore has been extracted during the past winter and is now on the dumps awaiting shipment.

Sarg Hall has several car loads of good ore on the Fairview dump, and the Keynote people recently made a shipment which paid a handsome dividend.

Glendale people are making arrangements to begin operations on the Poole lead.

Planup & Whitsman are working the Noble mine on a lease and are said to be doing well. They have shipped several car loads of ore lately.

The Leiter mill will be started up Monday, after a shut down of several months duration.

**Notice to Creditors.**

ESTATE of David McCranor, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Alden J. Bennet, administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of David McCranor, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Alden J. Bennet at the banking house of Hall & Bennett in Virginia City, Montana, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the county of Madison.

Dated at Virginia City this 29th day of May 1896.

ALDEN J. BENNET  
Administrator with will annexed of estate of David McCranor, deceased.

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**Sale of School Bonds.**

NOTICE is hereby given that, at the district school house in school district number 21, Madison county, State of Montana, upon the twenty-seventh day of June, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, the trustees of said school district number 21, will sell five bonds of said district, in the sum of two hundred dollars each, all payable in five years and redeemable in one year from the date thereof and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

Bids shall be in writing and filed with C. A. Dillet, district clerk. The trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Attest: JAMES DEFRANCE,  
C. A. Dillet, J. N. BRICKER,  
district clerk. JOHN KYLE, Trustees.

Dated at South Boulder, Madison county, Montana, May 25, 1896. 32-5t

**BANNER OF PROTECTION.**

Why the Cotton States Should Fling It to the Breeze and Rally Around It.

The Manufacturers' Record, a good southern authority, says that the number of cotton mills projected in the south during the last three months, from June to August, inclusive, exceeds that of any similar period in the history of cotton mill building in that region. There were projected 77 mills, which will have an aggregate of over 300,000 spindles. These, with the new mills projected prior to May 31, will make an addition of 800,000 spindles to be added to the number now in operation in the south. "If these mills," says The Manufacturers' Record, "be all built, as indications promise, the aggregate investment will represent over \$15,000,000."

Now, we ask the people in the south, do they suppose that if the duties on cotton goods were swept away, capitalists, large or small, would invest \$15,000,000 in new cotton mills? We are sure they would not. Lancashire could undersell them in their own markets and the investment would not pay. In the face of such consideration southern politicians and journals clamor for that free trade policy which, if carried to its logical conclusion, would abolish cotton and woolen duties and raise revenue by imports on sugar, tea, coffee and the like. There should be a great southern uprising for protection.

Now that the south is coming to the front as a great manufacturing region, she should fling to the breeze the banner of protection and rally around it.



The feeling in Pennsylvania.

The manufacturers of the country believe that the free trader has done his utmost, and that there can be no more successful assaults upon the protective system. This belief is becoming general, and is strongly entrenched in the fact that both houses of the national congress are Republican and will resist any effort to further assail the tariff laws.

From this condition, which all fair men must admit, the manufacturer is encouraged to reopen his mills which have been so long silent, and business enterprises of all kinds are encouraged for the same reason.

The feeling in Pennsylvania is general that Congress will remain Republican and that Quay, McKinley or Reed will be elected president, which will insure an era of prosperity by preserving the protective elements of the Wilson bill and re-enacting those portions of the McKinley law which seem necessary for our industries and laborers.

ISAAC B. BROWN,  
Deputy Secretary National Affairs,  
Harrisburg.

Lieutenant Governor Saxton Sensible.

Lieutenant Governor Saxton made some good points in reply to an inquiry from the New York World. He said: "We all know that owing to the result of last fall's election there can be no further movement in the direction of free trade for some time to come. The indications are that we have passed the lowest point and have made a little upward progress. But such recovery as we have made has been in spite of the Wilson bill and not because of it. The newspapers report increase of wages in some localities. This does not seem to be very general, and where wages have been advanced they have not yet as a rule touched the point where they stood at the beginning of 1893. The outlook in some places may be unusually promising, but that is not true, so far as I can judge, in central and western New York."

The lieutenant governor is quite correct when he says that "such recovery as we have made has been in spite of the Wilson bill and not because of it."

**Why Mutton Is Cheap.**

American sheep are still going to market in vast numbers. August, 1894, was known as virtually a panic month, so great was the rush of sheep into Chicago market; yet the report for August, 1895, shows an increase of 40,000 head over that of the corresponding month the preceding year, while an excess of 3,000 for the first week in September indicates that the haste to sell is still an uppermost feature. Under these conditions many western sheep men have sold out almost every 1, 2 or 3 year old sheep in their flocks, so that now their stock is at the point of certain deterioration.—Breeder's Gazette.



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**PONY.**

Pony, May 27.—[Special Correspondence]—On Wednesday, May 20th, by Rev. Kinkaid, at the residence of the bride's father, Willow Dell Farm, Basil Finsley of Willow Creek to Miss Maude E. Phillips, of Pony, Mont. The ceremony took place at 11-30 o'clock a. m. in the presence of only a few of the most intimate friends.

The bride was handsomely attired suitable to the occasion and wore white geraniums and ferns and was attended by Miss Etta Burghardt acting as maid of honor. The company partook of a bountiful repast after which the happy couple took their departure for Great Falls, Butte, Helena and other points in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Finsley have the best wishes of their friends, of which both have a large number, through journey through life. They were the recipients of a great many beautiful presents of which only a partial list can here be given. Six silver teaspoons, Mrs. S. Mallory, Danbury, Conn.; six solid silver teaspoons, six solid silver tablespoons, Mrs. and Mrs. E. H. Hecht, Norwalk, Conn.; six solid silver teaspoons, six silver plated knives and forks and butter knife, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Phillips; silver plated cake basket, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason; banquet lamp; Mr. and Mrs. W. Mallory, Danbury, Conn.; pin cushion, Mrs. W. Mallory, marble clock, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mallory; silver plated cake basket, W. A. Burghardt; pin tray, and sauce, hand painted cut glass cologne bottle, Clara Mallory; individual china tea set, Miss Mary Haviland, Danbury, Conn.; Calender, Mrs. S. Mallory; china cake plate, Seward Mason; mustache cup, Mary Haviland; whisk broom and holder, Mrs. E. S. Ferry, Danbury, Conn.; duster, six linen doilies, Mrs. S. Mallory; honiton centre piece, Florence Rice, Danbury, Conn.; table damask with one dozen napkins, J. E. Metcalf; ten dollars, Mr. H. S. Phillips; paper flowers, tidy and head-rest, Ida Mason; hand embroidered table scarf, Mrs. W. A. Burghardt.

**NOTICE.**

**Proposals for Building Bridge.**

BIDS will be received by the board of county commissioners of Madison county, Montana, on Tuesday, June 2, 1896, for building a bridge across the Jefferson river, at a point about 100 feet below the railroad bridge near the townsite of Gaylord. Such proposed bridge to be a full iron or steel bridge, in three spans of 116 feet each, (the entire bridge to be 348 feet in length) with steel cylinder piers, three feet in diameter, at ends, with three piles to the pier, and center piers to be four feet in diameter with four piles to the pier. Piers to be 18 feet long. Steel to be used must not be less than one-quarter of an inch thick throughout bridge and piers. Roadway to be 16 feet in the clear; floor to be of Montana red fir four inches thick and 8 to 12 inches wide; floor joists to be of Oregon fir 4 by 12 inches, with hand, foot, and hub rails to be of same material.

Bids will also be received for a two span iron or steel bridge 174 feet to the span.

All bids for building such bridge must be accompanied by the plans and specifications therefor, and must also be accompanied by a deposit of at least 10 per cent. of the amount of such bid, in cash, or properly certified check, to guarantee the fulfillment of such bid, if accepted; such cash or check to be returned to the party depositing the same immediately upon the rejection of the bid by which it was accompanied.

Sealed bids for building such bridge may be filed with the county clerk of Madison county, at any time prior to 10 o'clock a. m. of June 2, 1896; at which time and date, all bids will be opened and passed upon by the board. The board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Done at Virginia City this 21st day of April, 1896, by order of the board of county commissioners of Madison county, Montana.

BARCLAY JONES,  
By H. E. Steffens, Clerk of said  
Deputy board.

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