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## THE WEEK IN VIRGINIA

### A QUIET PERIOD FOLLOWING THE FOURTH

But the Hot Weather Continues, the Young Folk Observe the Time Honored Custom of Getting Married and Others Resume Their Usual Vocations.

Rev. Mountjoy will deliver a sermon at Gaylord Sunday.

Martin McLean, the Chinese interpreter, is spending the week in Bozeman.

Elling & Hyndman, lost 176 head of weathers through the agency of Sunday's severe storm.

Cora A. Grantier will give her closing exercises at the Laurin public school on Wednesday evening next.

N. S. Lilly, manager of Mrs. Smith's Twin Bridges mercantile institution, spent a few hours in the city Tuesday.

The Sheridan-Virginia City telephone line has been repaired and communications between the two towns re-established.

The Fourth of July executive committee found the celebration exchequer but a few dollars short, which were promptly raised.

The marriage of Wm. Price Piper to Miss Virginia A. Brion, both of Madison valley, was announced in this city Thursday morning.

H. S. Henley left town Thursday having completed a very satisfactory job in steam fitting and plumbing at the residence of banker Elling.

The city council will meet to-morrow (Saturday) evening and open bids on the city bond issue, and also bids for the construction of the city hall.

Solomon Wiles, delegate to the National convention of the Peoples' Party, which meets in St. Louis next week left for that city Tuesday morning.

Mrs. George W. Reif and her daughter, Miss Ella, Mrs. C. W. Mead and Miss Luella Gainan are among the Virginia ladies attending the encampment of the National Guard.

Attention of wood dealers is called to the advertised bids for furnishing 60 cords of fire wood for the court house, which must be handed in not later than 10 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday 21st.

In the vivid description of a Virginia City miner's activity, the other day, the "swift" is stated to have been supplied with a bucket of ice water in which to cool off his shovel at regular intervals.

Company D mustered 36 strong upon its departure for the encampment. By way of variety and discipline the corporal's guard had a lively chase in rounding up a recalcitrant and procrastinating private.

The rattling bombardment of hailstones, the other day, created almost as much surprise and consternation as the proclamation of the Chicago convention—except that the latter only struck the unjust.

John Goetchius, of Laurin, reports haying of alfalfa fairly under way, but the grain crop will be backward on account of the late spring. The hot days, as well as nights, have caused a great rustle in the vegetable kingdom.

J. W. Bennett, Presiding Elder of the Bozeman district of the M. E. church, will hold the fourth quarterly meeting at Virginia City the 19th and 20th of this month. Will preach Sunday evening at 8 p. m., sacrament will follow. All are invited. F. A. Guiler, pastor.

John E. Davis, who was in the city from Whitehall Monday, states that about 200 men are employed in the construction work at Gaylord, and at the way the work is being pushed, the plant will be in running order early next spring. The town will probably be platted some time in September.

Of all the musical bands that competed at the Chicago convention, the Butte and Montana, first regimental band was acknowledged to be the best. Great was the astonishment of the eastern pharisees when witnessing the performance of a collection of experts made up from common, every day miners.

Geo. Phillips was killed the other day by his partner, Ben McKinney, while working a claim together near Bannack. Phillips was struck over the head with a shovel. McKinney was apprehended near Dillon.

H. S. Gilbert still takes the lead in the matter of public spirit and enterprise. He is now excavating for a foundation of a commodious dining room and kitchen addition to his old quarters. With the employment of the best chefs obtainable, Mr. Gilbert certainly merits the increasing patronage he is now enjoying.

A special session of the board of commissioners is called July 21st for correcting and extending Waterloo Judicial Township to include the town of Gaylord; to appoint justices of the peace and constables in and for Gaylord and Centennial valley; to arrange for bids for jail corridor in the county jail, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the board.

The fly season is now at its worst in the mountains where live stock most congregate and green foliage is abundant. The pestiferous insects generally put in an appearance July 4, and continue their blood-thirsty occupation until the first frost, which usually occurs about the middle of August. To say they make it interesting for the for the prospectors and their animals would be drawing it mild. The city of Virginia was never troubled with either flies or mosquitoes. One is said to have been exterminated a decade ago by the Vigilantes, since which time its kin have fought shy of the town.

H. D. Brainard, a business man of Dillon, was in Virginia a few days this week. Mr. Brainard states that the business men of Dillon have taken the initiative steps towards holding a three days fair and race meeting some time in September. The old association grounds will be utilized. The track and buildings are as fine as any other association in the state and the meeting would undoubtedly be quite generally attended by Madison county people. It is the intention of the promoters to fix the date so that the meeting would in no way interfere with the fair at Twin Bridges. When the people of Dillon take up an enterprise of this character they generally push it to a successful termination.

Levi Shambow and his son George, Harry Winslow and Matt Collins, prominent citizens of the Centennial, were in the city Monday to swear that Mr. Shambow had lived up to his contract with the government on land business. Mr. Shambow tells a story about the meanest man in the Centennial. Recently a party of Centennial men were journeying homeward from Virginia City when one of their number was snake bitten near Pendarvis horse camp. This necessitated the sending of a messenger to Laurin for snake medicine, and this "meanest" man, waylaid the messenger and appropriated the bug juice to his own use. Fortunately the snake bitten man, discovering that he had been bitten by a garter snake, about the same time that the messenger arrived without the whiskey, and he decided to recover.

### COPPER PRODUCTION.

The production of copper by the mines of the United States for the month of June amounted to 35,896,000 pounds, against 37,500,000 pounds for the preceding month, a decrease of 1,604,000 pounds; the production of foreign mines for June aggregated 15,689,000 pounds, against 16,800,000 for May, a decrease of 120,000 pounds; exports of copper from the United States for June amounted to 21,952,000, against 23,477,440 pounds in May, a decrease of 1,525,440 pounds.

Dr. Carl Schulz, the oculist and aurist, will be at Virginia City, Monday, the 20th of July.

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## 'T WAS AN AWFUL STORM

### VISITED MADISON COUNTY LAST SUNDAY

And Did Not Overlook Our Neighbors—Frank Lemoine Drowned Near Whitehall—Damage Will Amount to Thousands of Dollars—Washout on the Pony Branch of the Northern Pacific.

Last Sunday's storm was the most furious of its kind ever visiting Madison county or southern Montana. It was attended with great destruction of property, which in the aggregate, will amount to thousands of dollars. Bad as it was here it was much worse up the Beaverhead near Dillon, where bridges and culverts were washed away and the road left in miserable condition. Sunday's stage from Virginia did not reach Dillon, being stopped by a freshet which had carried away the bridge across a deep gorge about 10 miles this side of Dillon. The driver, Elmer Page, unhitched his horses and managed to ford the freshet, and taking the mails with him, reached Dillon a little later than schedule time. Fortunately there were no passengers. Nearly every bridge between Dillon and Point of Rocks has been washed away.

The storm covered a broad area. It reached beyond Jefferson county on the north, to Lima on the south and away back into the Centennial valley country. In the Madison country it was not quite so severe, but further east it raged furiously. Several bridges and about 1000 feet of track were washed out of existence on the Northern Pacific, between Norris and Sappington. Every dry gulch was a torrent.

As a rule, the damaged property in Madison county is confined to farmers who can ill afford the loss. Tender growing crops were beaten down by hail, and the storm king overlooked nobody.

Frank Lemoine, a young man who is interested in placer property near Whitehall with Henry Elling, was drowned. The circumstances surrounding his death have not been learned.

Cloud bursts were numerous. A heavy one visited Granite. The strawberry crops of George Botcheer and Mrs. Robinson were totally destroyed, the loss in each instance being several hundred dollars. Peter Geer and Ben Williams are also sufferers.

The Chinese companies operating in placers near the mouth of Alder gulch were badly damaged. Their location is such that they received the full benefit of Water gulch cloudburst and their diggings were damaged to the extent of \$2,000, according to the statement of their manager. At this point Alder gulch is said to have been a river. One Chinaman narrowly escaped drowning. He was asleep in his cabin when the flood struck him, and his first knowledge of the water was when it covered his bed and awakened him. He managed to get out of the cabin and a few minutes later saw it float away down stream. A number of the Chinese cabins were washed away.

The torrent in Dry Hollow, near Frank Redfern's ranch was seven or eight feet. Some years ago some placer work was done, near Redfern's place, with a dry rocker. When the water had subsided, it was found that it had washed away the sand to bed rock, and several coarse nuggets were picked up on bed rock by Willie Dupuis and the Redfern boys. One of these nuggets weighed nearly a dollar.

At Twin Bridges the storm was a gentle one, being just sufficient to invigorate the musquitos, upon whom the dry weather was telling. It is thought that with this moisture and with what nutrition they can get from the natives, they will manage to get through the summer.

### THE PLACER MINER'S FATE

After Ten Year's Toll His Career is Ended in a Cloudburst Torrent.

Additional particulars have been reported of the drowning of Frank Lemoine, Sunday afternoon on the Little Pipestone creek, about five miles south of Pipestone Springs. Lemoine was a

placer miner and was a partner of Henry Elling of Virginia City in a placer claim on Pipestone. Lemoine had worked on the ground for the past ten years and had just struck bedrock a few days before his death and was expecting to make considerable money this season. He was engaged in putting in new flumes last week and Frank Hodon and Ed Wilberton were engaged in unloading lumber near his cabin Sunday afternoon when the storm came up. Lemoine told the men that he would go up the ravine about a quarter of a mile to open the headgate, and that was the last seen of him by his companions. The storm broke in all its fury a few minutes later. Wilberton and Hodon returned to Whitehall later in the evening and reported that Lemoine was missing. A searching crew was organized at Whitehall and the gulch below the cabin occupied by Lemoine was searched during the night. The search was kept up all night, but it was not until next morning at 6:30 o'clock that the body was found about a mile and a half below the headgate. The body was badly bruised from contact with boulders and debris in the creek, but the features were recognizable.

The body was brought to Whitehall and Mr. Elling and the California relatives of the deceased were notified.

Lemoine was about 40 years of age and a resident of the west for many years. He was well known in Butte through his frequent visits there.

### IMPORTANT BUSINESS CHANGE.

Gaffney Mercantile Company absorbed by the Jefferson Valley Trading Co.

An important business deal was consummated at Whitehall a few days ago, whereby the interests of the Gaffney Mercantile Company were absorbed by the Jefferson Valley Trading Company. The MADISONIAN learned of the deal through Mr. John E. Davis, manager of the latter institution, who was in the city, Monday.

The Gaffney Mercantile Company was a branch of the mercantile house of W. B. Gaffney, the Boulder banker and merchant. It was established by him about a year ago. About the same time, or perhaps a little later, the Jefferson Valley Trading Company, of which Mr. J. E. Gaylord is president, was organized. The mercantile establishment of W. M. Fergus, one of the pioneer business men of Whitehall, was bought out, Mr. Fergus becoming a stockholder in the company. The new company went in on a stupendous scale, and in a short time was carrying a mammoth stock. It was soon apparent that the condition of business in Whitehall did not justify the maintenance of two large commercial concerns. Mr. Gaffney decided to sell and negotiations looking to the result of last week were opened.

The Whitehall headquarters of the Jefferson Valley Trading Company have been moved to the Gaffney block, the old building being utilized as a warehouse, and by the new arrangement the J. V. T. Co., will be enabled to handle their large and growing trade advantageously. They carry one of the largest and most complete stocks of general merchandise in Montana and their line is kaleidoscopic in variety. They handle everything from a pin up to a steam thrashing plant and invite buyers who read this to call and get their prices.

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