

MOUNTAIN VOCALISTS.—A troop of singers, consisting of ladies and gentlemen, appeared at Kelly's on Thursday evening.

A MAN known as "Butcher Ned" cut another man in several places, Sunday before last in Placerville, but not seriously. Cause, too much whiskey.

ON THE ROAD TO SNAKE.—Our old friend Crate Russell, who started to Snake river with the crowd two or three weeks ago, writes us that the Snake is played out, and he is going to the City of the Saints.

IMPROVEMENT.—The road from the city to the Bear run mills has been changed for the better. Instead of running over ditches on the flat, it is now located along the line of the main ditch on a good grade.

PEDESTRIANISM.—A walker, named Brady, has out a poster announcing that he will begin at 10 o'clock on Wednesday next at the Miner's Exchange, to walk "100 consecutive hours without sleep or rest." Anybody can see him walk for fifty cents.

A REPORT was current in Placerville last week that a party of six men who had left that place for Umatilla, had been murdered, and that their horses had been found roaming about the hills somewhere on the road with their saddles on. Who the parties were or how the news came we are not apprised.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVALS.—The Democratic Standard, published at Virginia City, N. T., announces the arrival in that city on the 12th of October, of Abe Lincoln, Herace Greeley, Jeff Davis and Guerrilla Morgan all by the same stage coach. Quite a jolly party we should think for one vehicle.

FINE SCALES.—Wells, Fargo & Co. have received a fine, large pair of gold-scales for their Bannock office that will be an ornament to the place and convenience to parties in doubt as to the correctness of their scales. The bearings work in the finest of jewels and with perfect exactness.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.—The Pioneer church of Bannock, and in fact of Boise county, is the one erected by Father Poulin at the corner of Commercial street and East hill. It is not yet completed but will be occupied hereafter for the purposes of worship every Sunday. The dedication will take place tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Father Mesplie, of Placerville, will be present and assist in the ceremonies. All Catholics and friends of religion are invited to attend.

SNOW-BALLING.—The old game of snow-balling was indulged in pretty freely on last Thursday by the boys in Main and Montgomery streets. We saw several "beavers" caved in by hard lumps of packed snow let fly by mischievous fellows from behind corners and wood-piles. The snow being wet and soft was in excellent condition for converting into ice instead of snow-balls.

EXAMINATION.—Geo. Owen, charged with the murder of J. D. Williams, was examined before Justice Walker, on Thursday last, and committed to answer at the next term of court to a charge of murder in the first degree. The testimony elicited before the Justice did not differ materially from the statement published by us last week. The only additional facts claimed by counsel were those of palliation on the part of the defense.

NIGHT WATCH.—Since the death of Jakey Williams, we hear it stated that the balance of the police force who have been acting under Williams propose to keep up his time and let the pay go to his widow. This statement we have been requested to make in order that other parties who think of competing for the vacancy occasioned by the death of Williams may think of the matter, and if they choose, incorporate a similar proposition in their applications.

UMATILLA.—We have received a letter from Umatilla which says business is flourishing there, and that the Boise News is much sought after. Our market reports the Umatillians regard as a "big thing," as it is the only means they have of knowing how prices range in this part of the world. They may rely implicitly upon every figure set down as being correct; we never go to press without having the market report over-hauled and corrected.

AMUSEMENTS IN PORTLAND.—The Washington Guards have been having a target excursion, big dinner and plenty of fun. John Smears took the first prize for good shooting. They had their pictures taken as a company. During the exercise two members of the Mechanic's Band were presented with a silver cornet and alto horn, by Mr. Sinshiem.

The young ladies of the Female Academy of Portland, known as the Concordia Society, gave an exhibition in that city, on the 26th ult., which is described in the city papers as being a grand affair, and highly creditable to those engaged in getting it up.

ANNOYING.—Much difficulty has existed ever since we began the publication of the News, in finding the places designated by subscribers for the carrier to leave the paper. Everybody being comparative strangers to each other, has rendered it impossible for us to procure a man who was well acquainted with the localities. The carrier has now got the run of matters so that it is to be hoped no more causes of complaint will occur. We are satisfied that in some instances papers are carried away from stores, saloons and shops by outsiders before proprietors see them.

ACCIDENT.—A gentleman on Buena Vista bar was shingling his house, on Wednesday past, when he accidentally let his hatchet slip from his hand. It slid to the edge of the roof and fell, striking his wife, who happened at the time to be in a stooping position picking up some nails that had been scattered on the ground, on the back of the head, inflicting an ugly wound and fracturing the skull slightly. Dr. Betts, who attended her, thinks she will soon recover. We have not heard the names of the parties.

SOMETHING MORE FROM UP SNAKE RIVER.—From a letter to one in this office, dated at "Big Springs, 30 miles from the Big Butte and in sight of Snake river, Oct. 27th," we make the following extracts:

"Here we meet a number on their way back, but they have been no further up than Snake river crossing, about 25 miles above here. The river is fordable there. * * * There are nine in the party that I am now with. Two of them may turn back this morning. The others seem determined to cross Snake and go up Blackfoot for a week or so, anyhow, if it don't storm. * * * Times are reported good at East Bannock; wages for 'old miners' from \$7 to \$10 per day. Also the same reports from 'Stinking water,' 180 ms. from E. Bannock. These are reports, however."

A MAN by the name of J. W. Deckard died at the International Hotel, in Placerville, on the 4th inst., in the 23d year of his age. Deceased was from Albany, Oregon. A small memorandum book found in his pocket revealed his name and residence as well as the fact that he had been in the employ of T. J. Worster. On leaving Umatilla Landing he had made a note in the book deeply regretting the fate that separated him from his paternal roof, and, from one other whose name he often mentioned in his journal Friday, Oct. 16th, he made the following note—"Camped on the Payette river; am very sick." These notes continue from day to day until he arrived in Placerville on the 24th. A short time before his death he told Mr. Burthy—the proprietor—that he was a christian and wished to be buried as such, which was accordingly done.

LARGE FUNERAL.—The funeral of J. D. Williams, on Tuesday last, was the largest we have known in the Territory. "Jakey Williams," although he had his faults—and who has not?—was, nevertheless, very popular, as evinced by the presence of between five and six hundred men from youthful manhood to silvery age, marching in the procession that followed him to the grave. Quick to resent an injury, and as quick to forgive, he has passed away. Let his good traits serve as an example to his friends and his vices be forgotten. Cut down in the vigor of manhood by the hand of the assassin, his death should be a reminder to law-makers and those in authority that a stop should be put to carrying weapons in a civilized city like this.

SICKNESS.—There can be no denying the fact that there is a great deal of sickness in these mines. Having resided either in the mines or contiguous to them for the last 14 years and had good opportunities for observing the health of different mining localities, we feel safe in saying that no place on the Pacific coast ever before had so much sickness to the number of inhabitants as has prevailed in this basin for the last four weeks. Typhoid pneumonia and fever are the most numerous diseases, and we regret to have to record the fact that in a large number of cases it has proved fatal. Exposure is no doubt the main cause of so much illness at this season of the year. Parties taken with a chill are too apt to regard it as a trifling matter and neglect attending to it until it is too late for medical relief.

BUILDING.—The miners on Bear run, and those on East hill are busy preparing habitations for the winter. We observed several new cabins going up during the week. The houses belonging to parties connected with the ditch company are very neat frames of very substantial build, and wear an air of permanence quite creditable to our portion of the city. The same spirit seems to pervade the people of Elk creek as far up as Cuddy's gulch. Taking a walk in that direction, we were surprised at the busy clatter of hatchets, saws, hammers and axes. All seem to be impressed with the importance of the first law of nature—self-preservation. It is almost one continuous city from Bannock to Cuddy's gulch; not of temporary cabins, but in a majority of instances, real substantial dwellings, with an occasional business house. The same remarks will apply to Buena Vista, West Hill, Moore's creek, and, in fact, all the mining localities in the Basin. The people are aroused to the necessity of getting ready for winter.

JUDGE ARRIVED.—Judge Park has arrived at Lewiston and will proceed to this place and enter upon his duties as Associate Justice of the Territory for this District as soon as Gov. Wallace, who is now on his way to Lewiston from this Basin, reaches there and assigns him his district.

SALT LAKE EXPRESS.—D. C. Patterson, of the S. L. Express, arrived here on Tuesday the 10th about 10 o'clock, having left the city of the Saints on the morning of the 29th ult., and having laid by the way nearly two days with a sick man who was unable to travel.

This express brought two days later news than that received via Portland. The dates are up to the 28th. There seems to have been a great battle fought at Chickamanga, in which it is stated that the rebel loss is 17999. Whether this is Rosecrans' battle or a subsequent one, the dispatch is not explicit enough to determine.

THE ELECTORAL LODE.—We saw some very rich specimens of gold and silver quartz at the assay office of Rossi & Robie, yesterday, taken from the Electoral lode—so named from the fact of its having been discovered on election day, the 31st ult. This new discovery is located somewhere on South Boise, precisely where or by whom we are not apprised. Mr. Rossi also showed us a bar, weighing some nine ounces, assayed from gold taken out of the Ida Elmore lode. It is 770 fine, and worth \$15 91 per ounce, after melting.

CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL ELECTION.—Owing to a failure on the part of the San Francisco steamer to reach Portland, prior to the departure of the expresses last week, no California papers have reached us for two weeks.

A dispatch to the Oregon Times, dated Oct. 23d, says, however, that the Union candidates for Dist. Judges throughout the State as well as for Supreme Judges were elected. In Siskiyou county, Roseborough, Dem., is elected county judge by a majority of 60 to 80. Judge Daingerfield, the Dem. candidate for Dist. Judge, carried the county by about the same majority, but Shasta and Trinity give the election to Garter, the Union nominee. The Operator adds:

"Weather cold; money in demand, and wood five dollars per cord payable in U. S. gold coin."

Owing to the aged and decrepid condition of the line, the telegraph is out of order half the time between the head of Scott's valley and Weaverville. That portion is to be rebuilt; hands are now at work at it.

MINER'S LUCK.—Of the two men who discovered the richest mine in Nevada Territory, if not on this continent, one, Comstock, the discoverer of the lead that now bears his name, is eking out a miserable existence by working a poor claim on the Powder river. The other, Gould, the original locator of the famous Gould & Curry claim, cuts shingles for a living in Washoe valley.—Virginia City Bulletin.

Not exactly "eking out a miserable existence on Powder river," Mr. Bulletin. Comstock, who discovered the Comstock lode in Washoe, is having about as good a time as he wants and living as well as the balance of us in this Basin. He is still discovering rich leads, but they do him no more good than his Washoe mines did. All Comstock seems to care for is to develop the country and let others reap the benefit of his enterprise. Money is no object with him, but he has too much energy to eke out a miserable existence anywhere.

WINTER.—It is now evident that Winter, stern, frigid, inexorable Winter is at our doors. Many serious reflections crowd themselves upon the mind when we contemplate the long, dreary, tedious months that stretch themselves out like a vast sea of ice between us and the Spring-time. Visions of frosty beards, chattering teeth, blue noses and frost-bitten toes and fingers haunt us. Cold, sharp icicles hang pendent from the roof, leafless herbage, snow-covered hills and valleys, all float before the imagination with chilling effect; dark, gloomy clouds and dismal, howling winds raving through the tree-tops, frozen and crisp with sleet and ice, present a picture too horrible to dwell upon. We turn from it to view the other side and profit by the change. Even the hoarse, wintry wind has a voice of music if we will only hear it, and lessons that 'twere profitable to heed. They are as it were, the unseen similitude of the Creator, Himself, and should remind us that there is a power around and about us, though invisible, that is mightier than man. Frosts, snows, ice, all have their lessons; let charity warm the soul as an antidote for outward cold. We should hail the coming of the purifying frost with rejoicings; it comes to drive away the fogs and miasma of autumn.

"Behold the joyous winter days
Frosty, snoced; and thro' the blue serene
Killing infectious damps, and the spent air
Storing afresh with elemental life."
Winter is the season for fire-side enjoyments and winter evening tales. What pleasure would there be in having the fire-place heaped full of crackling faggots when the mercury is up to 80?
It is the long winter evening that renders home a paradise; verily, winter has its pleasures as well as its sorrows. The rich silver fringe that decks the eaves and leafless trees, is beautiful as well as forbidding. The falling snow, pure in its whiteness as we see it from our little back window, seems to bring with it tidings of chastity from the realms of eternity itself, a material symbol of spiritual purity. In the language of Hoyt:
"The snow is falling all around;
How fair—how fair!"

NOT CONNECTED.—Mr. Kelly, who has been acting as watchman on Montgomery st., asks us to state that he was unconnected with and independent of all other watchmen, but, that he is willing to enter into the arrangement of allowing a portion of his wages to go for the benefit of the widow of the late J. D. Williams.

THE RIGHT THING IN THE RIGHT PLACE.—Poujade made a happy hit when he sent that large bundle of cake and bottle of champagne to this office this morning. He could not have guessed better had he been a wizard. It was the very thing we wanted. Every man, woman and child about the establishment will testify to its quality and abundance, as well as to its applicability to the case in question. Poujade got up an excellent supper last night on the occasion of the Pick-Wick ball.

ELECTION.—We have very little additional news from the Territorial election this week. Boise county, as our readers are aware, gave Wallace a majority of 430, and a letter from Lewiston, written the day after the election, to Judge Hays, says: "Lewiston precinct only cast 230 votes. Wallace leads Cannady 7. The balance of the Democratic has a majority over the Union ticket of 62. No returns from the county."

QUARTZ.—We were shown, this morning, some very fine specimens of quartz from the Esmeralda lode, South Boise. This lode was discovered by Mr. John Burk; it is situated some sixty feet below the Idaho and has been traced and found to be well-defined for six hundred feet. Some four shafts have already been sunk and found not materially to vary in richness in any of them. We are assured by old Washoe miners that the poorest rock in the lode will pay \$50, and the best, probably thousands. This rock resembles that taken from the celebrated Wide-West, only it is vastly superior in richness.

JUST WHAT IS WANTED.—Abbott's long looked for and much talked of History of the War in America, is out at last. Mr. J. C. Holgate, agent for the work in this Territory, has laid the first volume of our table. A partial inspection warrants us in saying that it is fully up to public expectation, and that the popular author will not suffer in reputation for having written it. Replete with glowing descriptions of battle scenes, strategic plans, and portraits of eminent men, it is at once a history and portrait gallery of the war. Mr. Holgate will call upon our citizens for subscriptions. He has also a few copies of Polard's First year of the War, a history from the Southern side, published in Richmond.

SHALL WE INCORPORATE?—It is time the people of this city were taking some steps to incorporate the place, if it is thought desirable to do so this winter. Our representatives in the legislature will require some expression of opinion on the matter before acting, and there is no time to lose. A name will also be to select in case our neighbors over the mountains contend, as they have the prior right to, for the name Bannock or Bannack. There is too great a similarity in the two names, even granting that there is a difference for the establishment of post-offices at each, as will surely be done ere long. Endless confusion will be the result, unless one or the other place give up the name. The Beaver Head Bannack has the Indian name and began first, while ours is Scotch and inapplicable to the country. "Montana," "Chrysolopolis," "Idaho City," "Idaho Center," and "Oneota" have been suggested as appropriate names; any of which would set gracefully on the shoulders of our beautiful city. Montana, having reference to mountains, would be very appropriate. Chrysolopolis, or Golden City, would be equally appropriate.

COLOMA.—Forbes, of the Humboldt Register, thus grows sentimental on this old mining place:

Coloma, our old home! How shall we describe it? Six years have brought a wonderful change there. The city banks and sand flats have grown to grape harbors and flower beds. Business has quit the streets, and tall shade trees darken the sidewalks. The houses are embowered in shade and fruit trees and vines. Ruddy-cheeked apples, ripe for the press, and blushing peaches and purple grapes are strewn as if Pomona, fatigued, had rested there and given up all her store. Old friends seemed but conscious of the change that has gradually come over the garden town, and still are dreaming the time away, undisturbed by the din and fever of the silver hunt, unmindful of the thousand "dead things" that haunt the visions of our progressive miners. Now and then, on the stillness, comes the light step and the rustle of dry goods; and you see passing one of the little school girls of six years ago, now grown to woman's stature, and rosy as any peach in her father's garden. One, then another, they pass here and there, and disappear behind the trees and vines that shade the cottage doors,
"Like sweet thoughts that come
Winged from the maiden fancy, and fly off
In music to the skies, and then are lost."

WORSE THAN THE MINES.—The N. Y. Tribune, speaking of the late State fair, held at Utica, says:

The attendance of thieves and gamblers has been very large. Quite a number of pockets were picked, but the plunder received was small. The gamblers are more fortunate. Scores of unsuspecting countrymen were fleeced by the monte-payers, who were mostly to be met with in cars, wagons, and at every few yards. The police regulations were miserable, and depredations were committed with seeming impunity.

R. H. LINDSAY, Esq.—

SIR: Appreciating fully the constant effort you have made to please and entertain the admirers of your profession, which, in our opinion is most honorable when properly viewed and sustained; and recognizing more fully your social and gentlemanly deportment among us at all times and in all places,—we, the undersigned, do hereby tender you a complimentary benefit at such times as you may deem suitable and appropriate, assuring you that every effort on our part shall be made to have the benefit prove a success.

R. W. Ralston, A. J. Megler, John Taylor, D. H. Alderson, John M'Court, Jos. H. Kimmel, Edward Donohue, Shubrick Norris, Jos. L. Allison, William Long, V. S. Anderson, E. Terry, John E. Broughton, H. Cartwright, G. W. Jones, E. D. Holbrook, Samuel Turner, P. F. Walters, J. W. Keenan, J. P. Dezman, A. Heed, Jas. Bennett, W. W. Wallace, Frank Bowlin, J. W. Thompson, Jas. Wood, Jno. T. Heard, P. H. Hoff, J. M'Laughlin, Frank Miller, H. D. Van Wyck, L. H. Barber, Dr. Belknap, W. W. Chapman, Frank Campbell, F. F. Marks, John Cody.

Bannock City, Nov. 14, '63.
Messrs. Ralston, Alderson, Allison, Belknap, Oldham, and others—

GENTLEMEN: Acknowledging the high compliment paid me in the above kind offer of a complimentary benefit, and assuring you as it has ever been, so will it be my constant endeavor to merit your esteem and continued approbation. I have the honor of naming Wednesday evening, 18th inst., as the occasion of the benefit. I have the honor of remaining yours always friendly,
ROBERT H. LINDSAY.

[Communicated.]

EDITOR NEWS: In order that the citizens of Bannock City may remain satisfied, we have been instructed by a Committee of friends of J. D. Williams, deceased, to forward you a list of the expenditures incurred, with a request that you publish the same in your issue of to-morrow:

To Cohen & Rosenbaum	\$57 13
To Baldwin Bros.	1 00
To C. B. Jacquemin	5 00
To Boise News	5 00
To Ingersol, Adams & Co.	16 20
To Messrs. Graves & Co.	25 00
To J. Brown, (hire of one horse.)	20 00
To Mr. Price, (daguerreotypist.)	10 00
Incidentals,	19 00

The Committee have made arrangements to liquidate all the above claims, and are now preparing to have a residence constructed for the widow of deceased.

The Committee have also recommended Messrs. George Myers and P. Dignan as gentlemen capable of filling the position of watchmen of Bannock City, vice Williams, deceased, who had purchased the privilege of watchmen of this city, and held the same at the time of his death.

Very respectfully submitted
ROBERT LINDSAY, Chairman.
J. L. ALLISON, Secretary.
JOEL OLDHAM, Treasurer.

A NEW BALLOON.—A meeting, composed of members of the National Institute, of various scientific societies, of railway directors, bankers and directors of the press was held in Paris, recently, at the manufactory of M. Nadar, to hear his explanation of a new balloon. M. Nadar explained to the assembly his theory of aerial locomotion, by the substitution of a screw and inclined planes for the present system of air balloons. He admitted that this theory was not new, inasmuch as in the year 1768 it was predicted that the screw would be employed in aerial navigation. M. Nadar concluded by appealing to the company to assist him in making his system known, and in reducing it to practice. M. De la Landelle, who is connected with Nadar in the construction of the balloon, confirmed his colleague's statement, and set in motion several models of machines constructed by M. De Ponton d'Annecourt, who is likewise a partner in the affair. These balloons were raised automatically, lifting graduated weights so perfectly as in all appearances to demonstrate the accuracy of the theory. It is announced that an Anglo-French company is formed to provide the amount necessary for the construction of a gigantic balloon capable of raising eighty persons in a car two stories high, which will contain provisions and other necessities, including it is said, a printing-press. The diameter of the balloon is to be equal to three-fourths the height of the towers of Notre Dame. Twelve hundred yards of white silk has been supplied by a Lyons manufacturer, at 7 francs the yard. This monster balloon is to be inaugurated next month at the races of Baden-Baden. Subscribers for the trip have already set down their names. It is to last eight nights, and another in the Mediterranean, the company, at whose expense the balloon is to be constructed, will exhibit at London, Paris and New York. The produce of the exhibition is to be employed in the construction of a definite aerial locomotive.

The papers call John Morrissey, the boxer, highly patriotic because, on being drafted, he instructed the banker to give \$5000 for a substitute. There was more vanity than patriotism in the matter. If he wanted to serve his country he might have given \$300 for a substitute and expended the remaining part of his \$5,000 in hiring twelve or fifteen volunteers. He might have reflected that the man who needs the inducement of \$5,000 to become a substitute isn't likely to do any fighting worth a fifth part of the money. We think that such a one would be likely to run away after pocketing the cash.—Lou. Jour.

A RICH SERVICE.—A dessert service made in London for the Pasha of Egypt, consists of twelve gold plates richly inlaid with diamonds costing 60,000 francs each; six champagne glasses, costing 20,000 francs each, and a dozen spoons and forks, at 6,000 francs each. The plates and champagne glasses each contain more than a thousand diamonds.