

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Uncomphagre peak showed new snow Monday morning.

Judge M. R. Welch had legal business in Montrose one day this week.

C. C. Chappel, a prominent business man of Olathe, was in the city last Sunday.

The winning of a smile from a child should be as much a mark of favor as the plaudits of a nation.

Miss Trix Morgan, who visited Miss Ina Okey this week, went to Delta on Thursday afternoon.—Montrose Press.

Willard Helmke departed last Sunday morning for Boulder, where he is to enter upon a course of studies at the University.

Mrs. James C. Surles arrived in the city last Saturday evening from Ridgway and is a guest at the home of her niece, Mrs. H. F. Lake, in the Orchard Mesa district.

Miss Ellen Frazier of New York, who has been touring the Pacific coast for over a year past, stopped off in Delta last Tuesday morning for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. R. J. Coffey.

Mrs. Amelia Ramsay was an outgoing passenger last Sunday morning, for Gunnison where she was to transact business in connection with the final settlement of the Ramsay estate.

H. H. Thomas, one of the well known farmers of the Gunnison valley, departed last Saturday evening for some point in South Dakota, where he is to inspect ranch property with a view of purchase.

Roy White, wife and daughter, Miss Pauline, of Hamilton, Missouri, who have been touring the Pacific coast for some weeks past, stopped off in Delta on Wednesday for a day's visit with J. D. Van Volkenburgh and family.

Leon Dismunke, cousin of Ed Stone, who is the city passenger agent for the H. and T. C. railroad at Dallas, Texas, arrived in the city last Tuesday morning for a brief visit. Mrs. Dismunke has been a guest at the Stone home since the first of last July and will return to Dallas with her husband.

The second tank of the pair which stood on the edge of Garnet mesa overlooking the city and was the water system of Delta for so many years, was torn down last Tuesday. The other, it will be remembered, collapsed a little over a year ago and caused considerable damage to streets by the overflow.

A visitor in this city from Montrose the first of the present week stated that Delta people attending the Montrose fair next week could return home each evening at 6:30 on the train if so desired and that an effort was being made to have the train held in that city to return at midnight on Thursday on account of the big war dance.

Reunion at Montrose.

Accepting the invitation of Post 38 and W. R. C. 13 of Montrose, the members generally of McClelland Post of Delta and W. R. C. will attend the western slope reunion to be held September 17, 18 and 19, where an elaborate program for their entertainment has been arranged.

Sheriff C. C. Sampson had business in Montrose last Friday.

Noah Millard has a nine-pound boy, born September 9th. 315 East Fourth.

A. J. Dickson, editor and owner of the Glenwood Springs Post, was here on Monday, being en route to Montrose on business.

Mrs. W. B. Stockham, her daughter, Mrs. Ploger and Mrs. W. G. Hillman, arrived home from a pleasant visit in the capital city last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Gracie Goutermont and little daughter arrived in the city Wednesday from their home in Long Beach, California for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams.

Claude E. Clark departed Monday morning for his home in Denver and will at once proceed on a business trip to Chicago, Cleveland and other eastern cities.

Special Rio Grande officers are working on the robbery of the depot at Austin a short time ago, when about \$65 in cash was taken, but up to the present time no arrests have been made.

H. M. Stone, broker and commission merchant of Denver, was here a day or two the latter part of last week, returning to the capital city Sunday morning. Mr. Stone makes frequent business visits to this section of the Western Slope.

The first time in the history of this city to have two merry-go-rounds at one time. Independent office is situated between the two explosions of music and juvenile excitement and therefore no member of the force even thinks, much less undertakes to whisper a word to the other.

T. J. Harshman, one of the prominent Surface Creek ranch and orchard men, was in Tuesday to renew his subscription to Independent. Mr. Harshman says his apples look fine and that there will be a large crop in the Cory and Austin, Eckert and Cedaredge parts of the great Surface Creek section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Logan and little son, the former a nephew of Judge R. M. Logan of this city, who have been making an extended tour of Colorado and the west, were the guests of Judge Logan and family two or three days last week, departing for their home at Bushnell, Illinois, Sunday morning.

Mr. Michael O'Rourke of Delta, 83 years of age, visited his daughter, Mrs. Jos. Armour, here Friday. He was accompanied on the trip by two other daughters, Mesdames Snow and McKee. Mr. O'Rourke favored the Criterion with a call and we were pleased to again have a chat with this well informed old-time friend.—Criterion.

Manager Fred G. Holmes and V. E. Northrup of the Western Sugar and Land company, went to Delta this morning, to make a final examination of the beets of that section before the opening of the local factory. The crop around Delta, Montrose and Olathe this year is by far the most extensive ever grown there and quality promises well. Messrs. Holmes and Northrup will be back soon as the preparations for opening campaign are keeping them very busy.—Grand Junction Sentinel, Friday.

The newspaper, like any other decent human, is inclined to favor its friends.

William Stell, forest ranger, is down from his ranch at the heads of the Roubideaux and Ecalante.

Judge C. H. Stewart was a business visitor in Montrose last Monday, returning home in the evening.

Mrs. B. P. Smith and two children departed Monday morning for Denver, where they will visit a week or ten days with friends.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Finley of the Gunnison valley district on Wednesday, September 10. Mother and child reported doing nicely.

Miss Sadie Ericson of Ouray visited last Sunday with the Misses Eliza and Jessie Stone in this city. She was en route to Colorado University at Colorado Springs.

Gordon Jones, president of the United States National bank and also president of the Delta National in this city, came in from Denver yesterday for a brief business visit.

A modern irony would be that the world of today is full of fools and quacks and geniuses, and that the compliment can easily be paid to those of both sexes in their respective degrees of merit.

Sheriff Pat Hanlon was here on Sunday being en route to Somerset where he was to summon two or three members of a grand jury for Gunnison county as decided upon by Judge Black at the present term of district court in that county.

Licenses to wed were issued from County Clerk Shepherd's office this week as follows: Frank Otto Schramm and Katherine Baldwin, both of Cedaredge; James Bradford Seabourne of Delta and Margaret Munro of Cedaredge.

Independent's report last week was in error in regard to the insurance company representative in the matter of C. C. Phenic settlement of fire insurance. The Boyd Bros., of the Silver State Investment company, were the agents, while Mr. Obert represented the mortgage interests.

Gill Doughty, L. Hartig, Walter Marsh, John Randolph and James Weir came in last Saturday morning from their mining camp in the Lake Fork country and report mineral showings in their properties there sufficient to warrant good cheer and much greater effort in the matter of development.

W. A. Davis arrived home last Sunday evening from his business visit in Rocky Ford and Colorado Springs. He attended the big melon day at Rocky Ford after which he conducted a public sale of hogs and other stock and then took in the auctioneers annual convention at Colorado Springs and was named as secretary and treasurer of that organization.

A. C. Jensen has a good exhibit of field corn at the fair, raised by dry farming. Mr. Jensen has land down the north side of the Gunnison, and some of this, lying up from Alkali creek, could not be supplied with water. As an experiment, he planted seven acres in field corn, plowing and cultivating deeply. The crop is now ripe enough to cut for feed and to have the grain mature. The ears are of good size and well filled, and the grain grew without water.

F. P. Hastings was one of those Delta farmers who had an idea that he could find better territory in which to live than he had here on Ash mesa, and he sold out and located in Nebraska about nine months ago. He gave that section what he considered a thorough test and then finally decided that there was no part of the state of William Jennings Bryan to compare with Colorado, and he is back with a view to again becoming a fixture. He and his family arrived in Delta Tuesday evening.

In a competitive way, this is both an age and a country of "dog eat dog." The farmer, for instance—and the same applies to those of any other following—who is not equipped with experience and brains to look a little after his own affairs is up against it, only as he may be protected by that blessed factor called "luck," but which he invariably, even if secretly, attributes to smartness. The association he attempts to form for his own protection and betterment is as likely to prove as dangerous and full of snares as the one he is seeking to avoid. Even the modern reforms—political, religious, social and commercial—often bring a feeling of longing, after their adoption, for former conditions. Perhaps it would be better if every man would spend his spare time making a study of himself and his surroundings.

Mrs. Ella Hastings was a Montrose visitor Wednesday of last week.

Earl Wilson Sundayed with his parents and friends in Hotchkiss, returning home Monday morning.

Attorney T. Y. Bradshaw is here from Grand Junction and will remain until after the September term of district court, which convenes in this city on the 15th.

Miss Margaret McClenahan of California mesa was an eastbound passenger Wednesday morning for Ithaca, New York, where she is to enter upon a college course.

The home talent shows at the opera house this week started off with a good run of patronage and are proving good entertainments. What is more, they are helping to keep the money at home.

Among the Delta young people to depart for Colorado University at Colorado Springs last Sunday morning to begin a course of studies were Albert Cook, Kinsey Neff, Keene Griffith and Miss Ester Claybaugh.

Frank Kuhn and E. Warner, two South Park miners who came here two years ago and bought the Cook ranch in the Gunnison valley, a little above Delta, "cleaned up" on their field nuggets last week, realizing about \$3,000 for their early potato crop, and they seem to like that kind of mining.

Mrs. Tom Dewar and her sister, Mrs. Aspinwall, arrived home Wednesday from a three months' visit on the Pacific coast. They were in Los Angeles California; Portland and Seattle, Washington; Vancouver, B. C., and many other of the most noteworthy western cities, and report a thoroughly enjoyable quarter year visit.

One of the jockeys on the race track Wednesday afternoon was knocked down by a fractious horse and sustained several severe scratches and bruises. He was unconscious when picked up and a local physician worked with him for some little time before restoring normal conditions. The injured man is now said to be getting along nicely.

A few of the most intimate friends and acquaintances of Dr. H. A. and Mrs. Smith got together in the Smith apartments on Main street last Friday evening and aided very materially in making memorable the tenth anniversary of the marriage of the doctor and his wife. There were social features of interest and liberal disbursement of refreshments.

Harry D. Yemans, the pioneer grocer and a very genial all around good fellow of Ridgway, was in the city last Saturday being en route home after a pleasant visit in Salt Lake City. Harry was here when Delta lodge of Elks was instituted and since that time has had more than a passing interest in Delta. He says this is one of the best districts in Colorado.

Ben Elliott and family arrived home last Sunday morning from a few weeks' visit and sight seeing tour in California. They had intended to spend but about half of their time in the west and then return to some point in Kansas but finally concluded that attractions on the Pacific coast was sufficient for one year's outing. Ben says that he was in the noted stables of Lucky Baldwin during their visit in the big coast state and saw the gold plates bearing names of each horse above stalls occupied by the pace makers.

In discussing the matter of the new water works improvement, Mayor Stewart said: "The work cannot be hurried without the danger of making the same mistakes that were heretofore complained of. The city commissioners do not want to make any mistakes which they can avoid; they do not feel that they can afford to make mistakes; hence the proper time and care will be taken to study out plans for the best results obtainable. The money for the improvement bonds will be kept safe and will be spent in the best manner considered possible to obtain the most satisfactory results."

B. P. Smith and Claude E. Clark came in last Saturday evening from a trip to northwestern California, where they are interested with a company of Colorado men in valuable placer mining property. The company has established a permanent camp at the mines and have a good force of men at work. They state that there will be too much snow in that territory to operate during winter months, but everything will be in readiness for an early campaign next spring. "We have driven in a bunch of sheep and supplied plenty of feed for them," stated one of the men, "so that we will have plenty of fresh meat when spring work begins." Two men will remain in camp all winter to look after the property and care for the sheep.

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George W. Bruce of Delta motored to Montrose and back Monday.

Miss Winifred Castle returned to her studies at the Gunnison State normal yesterday.

E. A. Ault came in Wednesday evening from Mancos, Colorado, a thrifty little town over near Durango, where he is in charge of a drug store, for a visit with his family.

Delta county schools, so far as is learned, have started in good shape and with fine prospects for a successful school year. Instructors have been carefully selected and the progress made can hardly be other than satisfactory.

Attorney Porter Plumb was an east-bound passenger for the state metropolis yesterday morning.

The week past has made some new history in fatal railroad wrecks, disastrous storms and great fires. The wrecks and storms were mostly confined to the east. Hot Springs, Arkansas, had a mile-square fire, entailing a loss of \$6,000,000.

The weather has been ideal for Fair week. After a dust-settling shower Monday evening and night, there was a change to clear and cool, and no more favorable weather could have been made to order. Yesterday was one of the big days of the Fair and today will be another.

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