

LOCAL NEWS.

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DIAMOND CITY LODGE No. 7, A. F. and A. M.

Stated Communications held at their Hall, in Diamond City, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Sojourning brothers are cordially invited to attend.
LEOPOLD MARKS, W. M.
GILBERT ECKER, Secretary.

MERRY is the voice of spring.

Mrs. JAS. GRUBB has been quite unwell the past week.

JNO. SHRODER, of Benton gulch, was over this week.

W. R. MORGAN removed his family to the ranch last week.

READ the article on butter making on the first page of this paper.

SEVERAL of our Missouri valley farmers are through sowing wheat.

THE *Madisonian* says business is increasing, and talks about enlarging.

CANTON'S prosperous horse-breeder, Jacob Powers, was in town Monday.

SHERIFF Fleming is summoning jurors for the April term of the District Court.

WM. DAMPIER, Hospital Steward of Camp Baker, made us a pleasant call Monday last.

BETTERFIELD & Bro. are running a tunnel to prospect the bar back of their diggings.

J. E. STEVENS, foreman of this office, who has been on a brief visit to his sister, in Blackfoot, returned Tuesday.

H. C. GRAVES has gone to Bannack. He will engage in freighting from the railroad into the Territory this summer.

BUTTER was never scarcer in Meagher county than now. There is not a pound to be had in Diamond for love or money.

Mrs. G. A. HAMPTON, who has been spending several weeks at the Springs, on account of little Alice's health, has returned.

MESSRS. Housen & Andrew Cooper, of Deep creek, who have been spending the winter in Helena, have returned to their farm.

WHILE on a trip to Helena last week, C. W. Cook purchased a fine span of horses and buggy. He now sports the finest turnout in the county.

THE frequent dashes of snow which have occurred since the 1st of March are very beneficial. They will give the ground sufficient moisture to start vegetation.

JONAS HIGGINS, who has been undergoing treatment at the White Sulphur Springs for the past two months, returned a few days ago much improved in health.

HUGH McQUAID, of the *Independent*, having spent several weeks in out-door sports, fishing, gunning, etc., at the White Sulphur Springs, returned to the arduous duties of the office by Tuesday's coach.

THE fact that butter cannot be had at 50 cents per pound, while cows are only worth from \$15 to \$25, reveals a wonderful scarcity of labor. Any one who is willing to work can make money in Montana.

THE young people of town intend having a St. Patrick's dance Friday evening March 15th. The young ladies of the valley are to be in attendance, and a merry, merry time is expected. An oyster supper will be served.

WE are indebted to W. F. Haase for a copy of the *Tribune* almanac for 1878. It contains a large amount of valuable statistical information. Mr. H. has a good supply for distribution on very reasonable terms.

ONE of Meagher county's most progressive stock-growers, P. J. Moore, having selected a new home on the Muscleshell valley, passed over to the Capitol this week and filed his intentions in the U. S. Land Office. He selected a place on Little Elk about 8 miles southeast of Martinsdale, a location which for soil, water privileges, convenience to timber and advantageous pastoral surroundings, cannot be excelled anywhere.

THE fact that the beautiful and fertile valley of the Muscleshell lays within the railroad belt, was not discovered until a few days ago. This, we fear, will greatly retard its settlement, though it will be of no detriment to the stock interests.

MONDAY last, T. E. Collins sold his hay ranch to Jacob Powers for \$450. This place is known as the old Mason ranch and was about the first ranch located on the Missouri valley. It comprises 362 acres, to which there is a good government title.

R. LOCKEY, the steam cracker man, has decided to dispose of all his stock in his Bozeman house at cost, and afterwards will keep no goods but groceries, of which his stock will be full and complete. Mr. L. is a fair dealer and is deserving a good patronage.

THE scarcity and high prices of potatoes in Gallatin county was caused by the large supplies furnished the Tongue river posts last fall. As farming will be pretty extensively carried on in that section this season, the demand will probably not be so great next year.

MESSRS. Sherwood and Turber who have been putting in the winter at Copperopolis, developing the mines of Kellogg, Conly, Holter & Co., returned to Helena this week. The company talk of putting on a large force of men in a short time and will probably erect reduction works some time during the summer.

WE neglected to mention last week that W. H. Sutherland had been appointed County Commissioner by Probate Judge Hampton to fill the vacancy made by the change of residence of the previous incumbent, H. T. Connor, and was present at the last meeting of the Board.

ELSEWHERE will be found the notice of the Librarian of Good Templars, Diamond library. All persons, whether members or not, are urgently requested to return all books in their possession belonging to said library. It is the desire of the Lodge to get all the books in, in order to make new regulations and open new accounts.

GEO. LYONS went over to Helena last week, purchased a wagon and other essentials necessary to the improving of a ranch, and goes in a few days to the Muscleshell where he will erect his pioneer home. He bids his mines—in which he has been very successful—adieu perhaps forever. We wish him success in the calling of husbandry. May he soon add the only remaining element necessary to his happiness, and be a husband-man.

PROF. T. A. EDISON, of Malone, N. J., has invented a speaking phonograph. It consists of a small machine that can be carried under the arm, and has a mouth-piece in which a person can speak, sing or whistle, and when a small crank is turned the machine speaks the words, whistles the tunes and sings the songs distinctly and in the same tone as spoken in the mouth-piece. It is indeed a wonderful invention. With this machine a traveler may, instead of writing a letter, speak his message into the machine and send it by mail to his home where his friends may turn the crank and receive the message. An excellent thing it will be for lovers, as the fellow will only have to get a phonograph and furnish his sweetheart with the key.

THE "Bourbon" is the name of the lead recently located by Sam Anderson in the vicinity of Thompson's gulch. This lead was formerly known as the Sultan. Several years ago samples from it were sent to Nevada which assayed so very rich as to induce some capitalists there to offer to bond it at \$18,000, to be paid at the end of six months, or forfeit \$300 per month during that time, which was to be expended in developing the lead. This proposition, however, was not accepted by the owners, who imagined they had a fortune and wanted a large sum. Inspired by the hope to get a more favorable proposition they sunk a shaft 50 feet deep, and then abandoned it. The vein as developed at the bottom only shows about 20 inches, but the assays obtained run from \$50 to \$900. It is the intention of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Walwark—one of the original owners—to give the property a more thorough development the coming summer.

WILLIAM MARTIN moved his flock of sheep to the Muscleshell a few weeks ago and is keeping them at Sayre's ranch while he puts up improvements at his new location. This is situated in a beautiful little basin at the foot of the mountains a few miles south of Gordan's ranch. There is a fine spring at this place and the surroundings are most excellent.

STEPS are being taken by some of our most influential citizens to organize a joint stock company for the purpose of developing some of the rich quartz leads on Montanahill. There is a lively interest beginning to be manifested in this work, and we believe all the shares will be taken as soon as articles of incorporation are filed and the books opened. This immense reservoir of wealth which has in ages past supplied the tributaries of Confederate, is no longer to remain locked up in its granite walls, if there is capital enough in Diamond to unearth it.

THE first telephone operated in Montana, was of the kind known as the "Lover's Telegraph," was introduced by a couple of enterprising youths of this place. This, however, was soon followed by the oyster can telephone, which operated successfully a distance of over 500 feet, and over a line that made a number of angles. This primitive contrivance having had its run throughout the principal towns of the Territory, the Capitol became aristocratic and introduced Prof. Bell's telephone. Finding this to operate with perfect satisfaction between different parts of the city, the experiment was then tried to parts beyond the city limits, and now the Helenaites have oral communication with the Queen City (Deer Lodge) beyond the Rockies.

PUBLIC weighers, and proprietors of business and ware-houses have found a great saving, besides a great convenience, in adopting the scales and beams manufactured by the Chicago Scale Company. Their 4 ton scale is so nicely adjusted that a wagon load of hay in bulk can be weighed in a few seconds as accurately as on the old-fashioned beam, where it must be weighed a few pounds at a time, and this scale is furnished for \$60, about one-third former prices. And for weighing bales, their Cotton Beam and Frame is the most perfect of anything ever made for the purpose—a nice brass beam with sliding poise, doing away with the heavy poise which is all that a man can lift. No public weigher or ware house should be without one of these beams, which the Chicago Scale Company furnish at \$45, all complete with frame.

AT the regular meeting of the County Commissioners who was in session three days of last week, bills amounting to the following sums were allowed on the several funds:

County Fund.....	\$314 70
Contingent Fund.....	347 50
Poor Fund.....	50 00
Road Fund.....	7 50

The Treasurer presented the report of his office for the quarter, which was found correct, and settlement thereon was made.

The petition of the citizens of Muscleshell for county road from the White Sulphur Springs to the Forks of the Muscleshell was received, and Frank Gaugler, Geo. Clendenning and Wm. Gordon were appointed road viewers, to report at the next session of the Board.

The annual report of the County Clerk was carefully examined, approved and ordered printed.

The following supervisors for the several road districts were appointed: No. 1, J. E. Murray; No. 2, A. Sharp; No. 3, Michael Trepp.

The building of a bridge over Smith river was postponed to await a more pressing demand on the part of the citizens of the valley, and the location by them of a more feasible point for the crossing.

A somewhat spirited discussion arose upon the subject of opening a more direct road to the Lower Smith River valley and Benton, in which a wide difference of opinion was manifested. After the reading of a letter by the Clerk from some of the citizens of the northeast part of the country—which did not appear to express any particular desire for a better road—the subject was dropped, a majority of the Board disapproving any action in that direction until demanded by the citizens of that section.

CHARLIE DUNNING, of Smith river, passed here on his way over to the Capital yesterday.

"MONUMENTAL" writes the HUSBANDMAN that "Congress will annul the act if the Montana Legislature passes a subsidy Bill." The principal point in the above is the inference that Major Bagg still lives.—*New North-West.*

DUEY & Co., wool-dealers of Boston, sent word to C. W. Cook & Bro., by L. N. Godfrey, who called upon them a few days before his departure for the Territory, that they should not expect to realize a much for wool by about 5 cents per pound as last year.

F. S. REED and J. J. Fant, Prickly Pear farmers, went over to the White Sulphur Springs last week. Mr. Fant has just returned from an eighteen month visit to the States. He spent the principal part of the time in Kentucky and Texas, but greatly prefers Montana to either of these States.

MARRIED

At the residence of the bride's parents, Wisconsin Creek, M. T., February 28, 1878 by Rev. Hugh Duncan, Mr. Sargent Hall and Miss Sarah E. Richmond.

At the residence of Sim Estes, Watson, M. T., by Sim Ester, J. P., Mr. Wm. Hermison and Miss Hanna Boine, both of Beaverhead valley.

BORN

In the Prickly Pear valley, March 9, 1878 to the wife of J. D. Farro, a son.

Near Clancy, M. T., March 6, 1878, to the wife of Emanuel Redding, a son.

DIED

On Ruby valley, March 1st, 1878, of scarlet fever, Angella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Conrey, aged 9 months.

In Stevensville, February 25, 1878, of consumption, Dempster Lockwood, aged 28 years, 1 month and 8 days.

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

All persons having books or magazines belonging to the Good Templar's library are hereby requested to return the same to the undersigned at once. The books must be returned soon or other aid than that herein invoked will be resorted to.
H. H. BARNES, Librarian.

NOTICE.

The undersigned would respectfully notify the public that he keeps his stable in good shape and attends to the business promptly. When horses or other property are left in his charge he is responsible for the same, but when taken away without his knowledge or consent, as in the case of Mr. Fred Miller's saddle, which was taken by Fletcher on the 23d inst., he is not responsible. Two buffalo robes and two horse blankets disappeared about the same that the saddle did. He now proposes to put a stop to this practice, and hereafter persons taking saddles or other property from his stable without leave will be held responsible for the damages and treated as thieves.
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