

The Mineral Argus.

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The 14th session of the Montana Legislative Assembly organized last Monday.

The Colorado stock growers will petition the Legislature to pass a bill providing for a veterinarian and state veterinary board.

It is said the Spanish treaty is a "jug-handle affair." Certainly the average congressman ought to grasp the subject at once if that is the case.

Alex. Devine, editor of the Billings Herald, was united in holy matrimony, to Miss Morrison, of Toronto, Canada, on the 27th ult. Alex., old boy, here is our [?], we've been married some years and find it a paying institution. May your experience prove similar.

The MINERAL ARGUS nominates Hon. James Fergus, of Meagher county, for President of the Council. The Courier doffs its hat and courteously rises to second the nomination. If age, experience and good, solid intelligence count for anything, then "old man Fergus" is entitled to the position and any honor that may belong to it.—Avant Courier.

The Reagan inter-state commerce bill passed the house on the 5th inst., by a vote of 153 to 75. This bill prohibits special rates to wholesale shippers; designates passenger rates at three cents per mile, and prohibits rebates, pooling, etc. It appears to one distant from railroads that though such legislation may be beneficial to a few it will work injury to heavy dealers, consequently to consumers of all goods handled by these common carriers.

The Pioneer Press really seems to have been misled into some unfortunate extravagances of statement regarding the damage to the Montana cattle interest by the cold weather and snow of the closing weeks of last year. The concurrent evidence of letters and telegrams from several different points is that the losses have been confined to what are called pilgrim cattle, and are not more than five per cent. of that class. The weather has been milder since the first of the month and whatever danger there was of larger losses has disappeared. It seems necessary to recognize the fact that there are persons in Montana interested in confining the cattle business of the territory to its present narrow limits.—Pioneer Press.

The Helena Herald publishes a tabulated statement, in its issue of Jan. 8th, showing territorial statistics for 1883, given by counties, and compiled from abstracts returned by county assessors. Meagher county brings up the rear in productions of whatsoever description, excepting sheep raising, wool clip and the production of coal. While it appears Meagher county had nearly 100,000 more sheep than any other county, and mined 24,000 bushels of coal—one-third of the total output—in all other pursuits and industries the showing is very insignificant. Yet it should be borne in mind that 1883 found eastern Meagher county sparsely settled, comparatively speaking. The statistics for 1884 will show a wonderful change, in fact demonstrate that this county has made most astounding strides in all branches of industry—that, too, more marked in the interior and eastern portions. In 1883 there were a few ranches under cultivation in the great Judith Basin. What do we find there to-day? Some of the finest in the territory, while several towns have sprung up and developed to no mean proportions. The mining resources have also taken rank among the mineral producing counties of the territory. While last, but by no means of little importance, the comparison of births of '84 with those of '83 will con-

vince the most skeptical that this is a favored region for the propagation of the human race. In '83 our county added 12 lives to the human family; for '84 can be counted one for each section of land.

Judge Court Proceedings

Territory of Montana vs. Eugene Stillman and S. C. Braman; for firing revolvers in the streets of Mahlen, on the 20th day of December, 1885; pleaded guilty and were fined in the sum of \$5 each. Paid.

Dennis O'Brien vs. Edward Ivory; attachment. Settled.

Territory of Montana vs. John Hartwick; disturbing the peace; fined in the sum of \$300. Paid.

Territory of Montana vs. R. Joe; complaint: "keeping an opium joint"; on motion of error in complaint the defendant was discharged.

Territory of Montana vs. R. Joe; complaint same as above; jury trial; verdict, "not guilty." Discharged.

Territory of Montana vs. T. B. Johnson; complaint: disturbing the peace; found guilty and fined five dollars and cost. Paid.

S. G. SHARPLESS, Justice.

Cottonwood News.

A. R. Barrows, of Ubet, and G. R. Wilson, of Martinsdale, gave us a pleasant call yesterday.

C. C. Ray, representing the Bennett Bros., of Townsend, M. T., arrived here to-day with a supply of sleighs for Cottonwood and Spring creek.

The boys of Cottonwood and Spring creek have consolidated—and give a "soiree dansante" at Lewistown, Friday evening, the 16th inst. From all accounts it will be a very enjoyable affair.

Miss J. Earl, instructress at Cottonwood, re-opened school yesterday, the 12th inst., twenty-four scholars answering roll-call. Quite a large number considering the inclemency of the weather.

Frank McGinn, of this place, contemplates building a two story frame building, and informs me that he intends using the upper story for a "salon de dance." We are still "up to the times."

A gentleman widely known throughout the Judith Basin, informed me yesterday that they were offering a bounty for dudes at the county seat. We have already gone to quite an expense to capture any that may accidentally stray through here (which they have threatened to do) and send you the above information by special request.

MERRIST.

Spring Creek Items.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

LEWISTOWN, Jan. 13th, '85.

J. S. Kelly has taken the contract to paint Gov. Brook's executive mansion.

A Chinese laundry is the latest addition to Lewistown; a boot and shoe shop is the next requirement.

"Two Dot" Wilson and A. R. Barrows of Martinsdale and Ubet respectively, made our town a visit the past week.

Horace Brewster, who made a hasty visit to the Musselshell, returned Sunday with a pair of fast steppers and an elegant buggy.

Mr. Geo. Stafford, county surveyor, returned Wednesday last from the county seat where he spent the holidays. He contemplates residing permanently in Lewistown. We are glad to see you back, George.

The Cottonwood band is engaged to play at the calico ball in Lewistown, on Friday next, the 16th inst. Judging by the preparations that are being made a real good time may be regarded as a foregone conclusion.

A gentleman from Townsend who engaged to deliver a number of sleighs here by Dec. 15th, has not as yet fulfilled a solitary contract. Lewistown folk are sadly out of luck in consequence, so far as sleigh riding is concerned; a half-breed cart minus the wheels being the only substitute.

A new school house has been added to No. 12 district; it is situated on Half-breed creek, about four miles from town. A teacher has been engaged and school will commence at an early day. The large number of half-breed children in that neighborhood will be greatly accommodated by this move on the part of the school board.

REGULAR.

MONTANA NEWS.

Timberline, is soon to have a post-office; also Fort Ellis.

There is three feet of snow in the Cour d' Alenes, on a level.

Billings wants water works. Hades has a similar, long-felt want.—Avant Courier.

By official order the spelling of Assiniboine has been changed to "Assiniboite."

J. K. Toole, delegate elect to the XLIX congress, left Montana for the capital, last week.

The tax levy of Gallatin county for the present year has been fixed at 13 mills, same as last year.

Chico gathers in \$1,400 a month from her gamblers, who have five stud and four faro games licensed.

The Molly McGregor and Parnell mines, Boulder district, have been bonded to a California company.

Two miners fell down one of the shafts of the Magna Charta mine, Butte, last week and were dashed to pieces.

The Montana Wool Growers' Association will petition the Legislature this winter to pass some law that will prohibit scabby sheep from being brought into the territory.

A Northern Pacific dining car was destroyed by fire near Townsend, on the 9th inst. The sleeper was saved by strenuous efforts. The conductor, Mr. Thompson, was struck by a chair and suffered a broken leg.

Chas. S. Roth has the bees brought to this country by Mr. S. Kennedy. In October last he took out eighty-four pounds of honey from the two hives, leaving enough for the bees during the winter. Charlie is of the opinion that bees can be raised successfully in this country.—River Press.

The new reservation recently set aside for the Cheyenne Indians in eastern Montana is about thirty-five miles long by twenty wide, and contains a little over 600 square miles, or about 385,000 acres of land. There are exactly 610 Indians to provide for, which will give just one square mile to each buck, squaw and pappoose.

NEWS MESSAGES.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, will be his own successor in the senate.

The general business outlook continues to improve throughout the east.

The electoral vote of Texas has been delivered to Vice-President Edmunds, completing the list.

The famous litigant, Myra Clark Gaines, died in New Orleans on Friday, Jan. 9th, at the age of 80 years.

In the South last year, 1,865 new manufacturing and mining enterprises were started, with a capital of \$105,269,000.

General Grant has requested his friends to cease their efforts to raise a fund to relieve his present financial embarrassment.

Passenger agents of eastern roads have made the round trip from Chicago to Washington, during the inauguration, \$20; Cincinnati to Washington, \$15.

Capt. Thomas Phelin, of Kansas City, called at O'Donovan Rossa's office in New York, last week, and was fatally stabbed by Richard Short, of New York city. Phelin shot short once, but not fatally. The trouble was in relation to dynamite affairs, Phelin having recently published in a Kansas City paper an in review for which he was freely censured by New York Irishmen.

Notice to Co-Owners.

Maiden, Montana, January 13th, 1885.
To VICTOR DUNN, of Assiniboite. You are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and eighty dollars (\$280.00) in labor and improvements on the "Little Mountain Tunnel Site" location, and the "Little Fen" site location, being located on the South Fork of Ford's creek, in Crystal mountain, Warm Springs Mining District, Meagher county, Montana Territory.
And if you fail to contribute your portion of the above expenditures, within ninety (90) days after the publication of this notice, your interest as a co-owner in the above-mentioned locations will become the property of the undersigned, according to Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America.
H. W. HIGLEY,
D. W. CHAMBERS.

Notice of Forfeiture.

Maiden, Meagher county, M. T., Jan. 15, 1885.
To Max Waterman, agent for John Dunham, of Minneapolis, Minn.; you are hereby notified that we have expended \$100.00 in labor and improvements upon the Northern Pacific hole, located in Warm Springs mining district, four miles northwest of the town of Maiden, in Meagher county, Montana, as well as upon by certificate, filed 1881, in the office of the Recorder of said county, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2324, Revised Statutes of the United States. Within 30 days from the service of this notice, for within 30 days after publication of notice) you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures as a co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under said section 2324.
O. ANDERSON,
CHAS. RHODES.

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