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IN TOWN AND OUT.

A new coat of paint is being put on the Catholic church.

See the advertisement of Keenan & Payne, the popular painters and paper hangers.

The cases that are specially set for this afternoon are divorce cases. All bald-headed men will take the front seat.

The Exchange, next door to Wackerlin's, has been thoroughly renovated and now presents a neat and handsome appearance.

This is the season of the year when our population is materially increased by the advent of young and prospective heirs.

We listened to an able, really eloquent and instructive sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Blakiston, last Sunday morning. The singing was excellent.

Owing to the damage done the steamers, by the unprecedented flood of the Missouri, boats will probably not reach Benton, until about the 25th of April.

The firm of Storer & Storer has been dissolved, Mr. T. G. Storer retiring. The brick-making business will be carried on by C. D. Storer and W. H. Wilson.

James Rowe is among those who have come to town to enquire after the Judges' welfare. It must be gratifying to his Honor to receive such marked attention.

The Chop House will have in connection with its usual hotel menu a lunch department which will be kept open day and night for the benefit of the belated, hungry public.

The large herd of cattle on the outside of the Benton Record has wintered well. They look as fat as when first turned out to pasture on that vast plain last year. —Herald.

It is said that a Benton girl boasts of having several "fellows" on her string. That's good, and if the string is as long as her shoe there is room for thirty more names to be added.

Bryer and Duke have been making a scoop and reducing the number of the great unwashed. Twenty-seven was the number who sought the benefits of their popular bath last Saturday.

The District Court being in full blast there is an extra effort on the part of many of the young men to take a fishing tour. Gentlemen you will be remembered hereafter as in the past.

In our brief notice of Fort Assinaboin last week, we unintentionally omitted the really neat and first class restaurant, presided over by Mr. Spitzler, who is the popular host of a really excellent Hotel.

Mr. McDonald has made a new discovery in the Barker, which has been christened the "Nick Welch." The load was discovered on the east side of Galena creek, and shows three feet of solid galena.

We call attention to an advertisement of Wachten's ranch, at Stand Off, near Ft. McLeod. The property, as may be seen, is a large, desirable one, and offers great inducements to investors. Read it.

With the advent of spring things are assuming a more healthy, wholesome appearance. Business is already improving a great deal, and our merchants all anticipate a more than usually successful season.

Benton is really fortunate in the possession of a corps of splendid mechanics. They are enterprising too, and one can be assured of having either a cabin or a mansion built in the most efficient and workmanlike manner.

Messrs. Elther and Embleton have leased ground of Delcetrax and are putting in a large garden for the purpose of supplying our citizens with vegetables the coming summer. Both men are experienced gardeners and they will do well.

The Independent is very properly agitating the question of building a large hotel in Helena. Our cotem, is right, if there is any place in the west that is in need of a large, roomy hotel it is the Capital and metropolis of Montana.

The project to start a brass band meets with universal favor, and should be received with substantial encouragement. We have a half dozen or more of the finest amateur talent in the Territory, which a little training *en masse* would develop a fine band.

On Sunday last occurred the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Mrs. H. Brinkman. A large number of guests were at their residence and an elegant collation was served. The guests all extended congratulations, as we do, and hope that the couple will live to celebrate their diamond anniversary.

The committee now engaged in the laborious efforts to revise the New Testament are working hard to knock it all and its effects out of this truthful book. This will be regretted, as it affords an only hope beyond the grave for many. One of our prominent physicians thinks if it knocked the devil out of a few in this particular community there would be a bright gleam of the millennium at once visible.

Improvements should not be retarded this year, as it was last, by the scarcity of building material. We feel safe in asserting that had these things been obtainable last season, at least fifty more buildings would have been erected.

There appears to be a belief on the part of a great many that the Council did not pass the division bill in a proper manner and that no such county as Silver Bow exists. The question will be decided at the next regular term of court held at Deer Lodge.

Mr. Evans has thoroughly renovated the Extradition, and has put the business under the immediate supervision of Mr. Aspling. Perry is popular, energetic and a thorough business man, and this place, always popular, will do a thrifty and prosperous business.

It is to be hoped our merchants and capitalists will take measures to erect—or induce Eastern men to erect—a flouring mill in Benton this season. There is certainly a splendid field here for an enterprising firm to build up a large and lucrative flour traffic.

A look through the Chateau House convinces us that the popular managers of that really excellent Hotel, are arranging for their usual rush of business. The dining room one of the finest of the Territory, looks bright and cheerfully as does the entire house.

Frank D. Brown, for a number of years the Phillipsburg correspondent of the *New North-West*, is now traveling agent for the *Miner*. Mr. Brown is one of the most graceful writers in the Territory, and will meet with the success he deserves in his new vocation.

It is a noticeable fact that Montana papers, as a whole, present a bright contrast to their eastern contemporaries. Our average papers in the west give a much larger local, and a far superior editorial page to papers published in towns almost a dozen times as large back east.

John Schwartz has leased the building now occupied by Wm. Joyce and will renovate the place thoroughly, and put in a very large and complete stock of confectionary, fine cigars and tobacco. Mr. Schwartz is a deservedly popular young merchant and is building up a nice business.

The man Freeman's threatens to make some startling disclosures unless Register Moe gives him the mineral land notices to print. Mr. Moe is a strictly honest and conscientious officer, and this last attempt of Freeman's at blackmail will meet only with the contempt it deserves.

C. D. Storer is pushing Hirschberg & Nathan's new fire-proof warehouse to completion. The building is a necessary adjunct to this firm, as it insures a large portion of their stock in the event a visit from the fire fiend. As a contractor Mr. Storer shows commendable energy and go-ahead-iveness.

Nick Welch threw the doors of the Occidental open on Monday evening, and a band discoursed sweet music to a large and happy throng who came to admire the artistic manner with which Frank has remodeled this popular resort. Mr. Welch has the nearest place in town and deserves the liberal run of patronage he is enjoying.

The pork-packing establishment of Bass & Bro., of Missoula, is meeting with the success which their enterprise merits. The firm slaughtered 1,000 hogs last winter and paid cash for them in every instance. It seems strange that Benton, a much larger town than Missoula, does not inaugurate a similar enterprise.

Reports reach us that, with the exception of three horses, the entire herd at Barker have been stolen by the Indians. It occurs to us that a neck-tie festival, at which some of these thieves take an active and important part, might tend to divert their attention to some other pastime. Three cold reds are worth fifty live ones. This is merely a suggestion, you know.

We have invested four "bits" in a padlock for our coal house, and if the parties who have been borrowing our fuel, under the cover of darkness, wish to obtain any more in a similar way, they will find the key hanging on a nail, just to the right as they enter the back door. Please return the key to its proper place after using.

The tendency of property holders to ask large and really exorbitant prices for building locations is a source of much detriment to the growth of our town. Where a man has two or three lots together it would pay him to sell one of them for a merely nominal sum, if built upon, at once, and would raise his additional property in value 100 per cent.

The Cosmopolitan Hotel is the name of a fine new Hotel located on Franklin street. The house is a large two-story brick, with really handsome apartments, complete with every convenience and under the immediate supervision of Mrs. Beckman, who has gained an enviable reputation as a landlady. The lady deserves the large patronage she is assured of.

Benton ladies are certainly possessed of more than ordinary pluck. A sneak thief attempted to effect an entrance through the window of a down town residence the other evening, but the two ladies, sole occupants, objected, and the ruffian was chased from the premises by a couple of leaden missiles. The ladies deserve great credit for their display of courage.

The new store building of Power & Bro. has been brought to a standstill owing to an unforeseen accident to the foundation walls. During the winter and early spring water in the cellar so permeated the soil, on which the foundation walls rested, that it reduced it to a soft oozy condition, and a settling of the front walls was the consequence, the pressure forcing out the soft soil. Both the proprietors and contractors agreed that it would be unwise to continue and the front wall will be taken down and reconstructed.

The troops at Assinaboin, as a whole, are a fine looking lot of men. They are whole-souled, manly and intelligent fellows, among whom are a great many finely educated, and well read men. It occurs to us that fewer appointments in the army should be made from civil life and more promotions from the ranks. If anything will stimulate a man to good behavior, studious habits, and strict discipline, it is to give him that opportunity for promotion. This is a right good conduct and eligibly would seem to demand.

This is the time of year when mud clerks can be utilized once more to good advantage. You can easily pick them out, as they are generally encumbered by a book the size of a hotel register, a pencil as long as an ordinary rail and a pair of gum boots stretching from their ponderous feet to the nap of the neck. Nothing personal, Frank, we assure you.

The appointment of Amory to be deputy district clerk of this county does not give general satisfaction. It is to be hoped that the young man will resign and relieve Mr. Beattie from an embarrassing position. We are of the opinion that Clerk Beattie made the appointment without due consideration—possibly upon the recommendation of some personal friend of the applicant.

The beautiful spring weather we are having should have a tendency to urge our people to active measures in the building of the Barker and White Sulphur Springs road. Delays are sometimes dangerous, and as this is a question of vital importance to us all, those who have been appointed to take charge of the matter should be untiring in their efforts to further the project.

The present year promises to be the most prosperous Montana has ever enjoyed. New and valuable mines are being discovered and developed; quartz mills and smelters are being erected in all parts of the Territory; railroads are crossing our borders, and a large immigration is and may be expected. We are certainly making rapid strides to overtake our sister States and Territories.

Our business men should unite on some favorable method to induce the large immigration, expected by river, to settle in this county. People arriving on steamers are nearly all ignorant of the really excellent locations they can secure in this vicinity, and some means should be inaugurated whereby their attention may be called to the fine farming lands and magnificent valleys with which our county abounds.

The reception given last evening at Todd's Hall was a very enjoyable affair. Perhaps thirty couples participated, and dancing was continued until nearly one o'clock this morning. The managers should have appointed a committee to receive and introduce strangers who had been invited, without making any distinction, as to their position. This advice is given in a friendly way, for the benefit of future entertainments.

The services at the Catholic church on Sunday last, in celebration of the Easter festival, were notable for the splendid music rendered by the choir. The character of the selections and their harmonious rendition, were both superior to anything in the musical line yet attempted in Benton. It is to be regretted that the talent which was engaged in this effort will not be retained permanently. Two of the singers are non-residents, who will soon leave us.

This Territory, now in its infancy, offers more inducements to the immigrant than any point in America. Both skilled and common labor commands from fifty to one hundred per cent. more money here than elsewhere. The farmer can always find a ready market and good prices for his produce. We have thousands of acres of good, tillable land waiting for the plow of the settler to unobscure to him a wealth of cereals. And our merchants, of this section in particular, furnish the stable necessities of life almost as cheap as the same articles can be obtained East. Montana deserves the attention she is receiving from the masses of the eastern States.

The benefit of advertising were never more strikingly shown than by the following incident. A couple of months ago a gentleman of Emerson, Mills county, Iowa, forwarded an advertisement asking for information regarding the whereabouts of Samuel W. Mills, which adv. appeared in the *RIVER PRESS*. On Monday we received a letter from Ft. Macleod, stating that the party referred to was there, and a letter has been forwarded to his relative to that effect. Nothing will equal the newspaper—penetrating hundreds of homes and telling its story to thousands each week, doing its effective work with silence and thoroughness.

As ye local was meandering in the lower part of town for items the other evening, he was almost startled by a deep, musical voice murmuring, "Kiss me darling, before you go," and immediately thereafter, occurred a sound that reminded us of the crack of a bullwhacker's whip. Now, we have no objection to young people smothering themselves with osculatory performances, even behind a wagon, although a kitchen or dining room would seem to be a more proper and convenient resort, but we do earnestly protest against their "giving themselves away" to every passer-by that unfortunately overhears it. "Kiss me, d-a-r-l-i-n-g, before you go!" How lovingly romantic it sounded to us wafted on the soft breeze of a spring evening. Hours after, as we retired to our lonely couch, those gentle, sympathetic and loving words rang in our ears. "Kiss me, darling, before you go." How—Two cigars and a bottle of Mum's extra dry is our weakness old boy.

A hypocrite is the most despicable creature on God's earth. He or she will entwine themselves around you with the subtlety of a serpent and then, when your back is turned, will attempt to sting you with the venom of a rattlesnake. Our attention was called to this subject by an incident that came under our notice last Sunday evening. We saw a rather aged person enter a building used as a church; we saw her sweep up the aisle, take the seat assigned her, and bow her head in profound and holy prayer; we saw her look up a moment afterward and greet one or two ladies with an almost angelic smile. And we thought how beautiful was faith. We saw another lady enter and quietly and unassumingly take her seat; we saw the first person glance at the last, and we saw the mask drop from her face—the heavenly smile vanish—and a look of mixed envy, hatred and malice came and drove it away; we saw this person who, but a moment before, had pretended to be in communion with her maker, glance at another lady, in the same insulting, ill-bred, ignorant and unchristianlike manner. And we thought how beautiful—how damnable an example it was to set to those who witnessed this marvelous piece of hypocritical acting. Bah! Hell is paved with just such Christians as this one.

Sitting Bull is said to be about to surrender. It occurs to us we have noticed that report somewhere before. For the benefit of our readers, who have never heard of this eminent personage, we will state that S.B. was born in New Jersey of a respectable father, who went broke trying to educate his son at Yale. His father, becoming heart-broken at his son's wild and dissolute habits, quietly folded his hands and climbed the golden stair, leaving his heir with but 40 cents to complete his education. Sitting Bull then joined the confederate army and was in command of the rebels at the battle of Bull Run, where the noble Union army gained a signal victory. Becoming disheartened at his defeat and fearing the vengeance of Jeff Davis, he sought safety in flight. He was next heard of in Europe, where he was chosen to represent the Manchester district in the House of Lords, and through the influence of Billy Gladstone, a ward politician of some note, he was elected speaker of that assembly. The Duke of Wellington, his competitor for the speakership, was so mortified at his defeat that he committed suicide by hanging himself with his sash over the door-knob of the Royal Kitchen of Her Majesty's Palace. S.B. was subsequently appointed lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and mayor of Cork, but was finally banished to Manitoba for aspiring to the hand of Princess Beatrice, oldest daughter of the Empress of Africa, whom James Gordon Bennett afterwards married. While in Manitoba the young man became infatuated with a beautiful Indian maiden, who assisted him to escape, and stealing two cayuses of Col. Macleod they lit out for Milk river, where they joined the Sioux Indians, who immediately elected him Chief. His subsequent career is familiar to the many thousand readers of the *Frontier Index*, and it is unnecessary for us to repeat the rest of the adventurer's romantic and thrilling episodes.

PURELY PERSONAL.

—Judge Wade arrived last night and is registered at the Overland Hotel.

—That old veteran, Joe. Kipp, from Carroll, is taking city life in for a few days.

—Mrs. Tattan and family have returned from their visit to her parents on Belt Creek.

—Mr. S. C. Burd is registered at the Chateau House. He will tarry during the session of Court.

—I. N. Hayzlett, of the Old Agency, is taking in the metropolis. Mrs. Hayzlett accompanies him.

—Mr. Blankbaker, of Box Elder, passed a few days with us this week. His genial face is always welcome.

—W. E. Oullen, Jeff Lowry and A. H. Beattie are among the arrivals at Benton within the past few days.

—Prof. Suttner, a musician of some note is registered at the Overland. We hope the Prof. will conclude to camp with us.

—I. S. Corson, formerly of Sun River, is taking rations at the Overland. Mr. Corson will hereafter be a resident of Benton.

Lieut. McClure, of Assinaboin, is registered at the Chateau House. Wonder who will command the post during his absence.

—We notice that Gen. Brisbin will shortly be transferred to Fort Keough. We dislike to see the Gen. taken from this section of Montana.

—Mr. Geo. Currie arrived in town a few days since and left in company with Wm. Conway to inspect the latter's ranch with a view of purchasing the same.

—Mr. Lou Rosencrans has been heard from. Both he and Mr. Wetzel are probably in Bismarck now, en route home. Both gentlemen have made heavy and extensive purchases in their respective lines.

—John Wetzel is in town in obedience to a summons from the Sheriff to act as a juror, of course. Messrs. McCord and Boyle are taking in metropolitan life for a few days. They came in to see Judge Wade.

—The Rev. M. J. Hall, the Methodist minister of the district of Sun River, owing to ill health, will be absent from his appointment till the fourth Sunday in May, at which time he will resume his regular plan.

—Mr. Nat. McGiffin, a prominent stock man of this section is registered at the Centennial. Mrs. McGiffin accompanies him and will leave on one of the early boats for a protracted visit with relatives in Iowa.

—Robt. Vaughn, of literary fame, is in town attending court. Wish we could induce Robt. to move his elegant stone mansion down here. Wonder if he isn't waiting for some one to arrive on the first steamer.

—Mr. J. D. Weatherwax, who has for some time past been at Ft. Maginnis, returned last Friday. He reports the stock in excellent condition in the sections he passed through, and a belief that the losses will fall below 10 per cent.

—Mr. Bud Ford, of Sun River, is spending a few days with the family of J. S. Hill. Bud came ostensibly to attend Court, but we think his real motive was to become acquainted with the Benton belles. We hope he will be successful.

—Mr. Ed. Dennis, accompanied by his wife, are stopping at the Chateau. Mr. Dennis is one of the solid stockmen of this county and is agreeably surprised at the almost remarkable growth of Benton. We are indebted to Ed. for a pleasant call.

—Col. Black, the commanding officer at Assinaboin, arrived last night, and is registered at the Chateau House. The Colonel will be joined by Gen. Brook, of Ft. Shaw, and go direct from here to Custer, where they are ordered on a general court martial.

—The Rev. Father Scullian, who has been an effective Missionary of the Catholic church for many years in this section of the North-west, arrived in town on Sunday from Ft. Macleod. He reports his first three days of traveling as very disagreeable, but that the balance of the trip was pleasant.

Religious.

Rev. Father Scullian, of Ft. Macleod, the guest of Father Camp, kindly condescended to give us a Lecture on Sunday night in the Catholic church on his long experience of 19 years among the Indians in British America and the different missions from the boundary

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Purchase your queensware and lamps of Kleinschmidt & Bro.
A backward spring—Guilps.

Bryer and Dutriuelle have the finest baths to be found in Montana.
Friday is an unlucky day—for fish.

Go to the Chateau House for fine accommodations and good board.

Kind words are bald-headed. They can never die.

Go to Bryer & Duke for a clean shave and a good shampoo.
Has great healing properties—the mule.

The Chateau house has been newly refitted and is now the "boss" hostelry of Northern Montana.

A young lady at a ball called her beau an Indian, because he was on her trail all the time.
Kleinschmidt & Bro., offer their entire stock of dry goods and notions at cost.

Business in Russia is very much depressed—even Dynamite is a drug on the market.

Attention, sheep men. Kleinschmidt & Bro. have the reliable Malinckott sheep dip for sale.

A hotel dinner—the fellow who sounds the gong.

Five hundred dozen gloves and mittens, positively at cost, at Kleinschmidt & Bro.'s.

A correspondent asks what is the relation of a university to an ordinary college. It is a step farther.

Ladies' and gentlemen's underwear at bargains, at Kleinschmidt & Bro.'s.

Hot Koffee, in Ashantee, is what is just now troubling John Bull.

Kleinschmidt & Bro. is the only firm in the Territory who sell the celebrated Balford Plows, the best in the world.

Breakfast bacon, sweet and fresh at Murphy, Neel & Co's new building, corner of Front and Benton streets.

He lectured on Shakspeare and they shied eggs at him. He thought there was something rotten in Denmark.

The medicated baths of Bryer & Dutriuelle are of great advantage to the medical profession in almost every description of disease.

Kleinschmidt & Bro. are selling clothing hats, caps, boots and shoes, away down, to close out their present stock. Examining their goods and prices.

A woman has been arrested in New York for abducting a little boy. Next time she will know enough to take a big one.

Kleinschmidt & Bro. have all sizes of the celebrated Jackson wagons ready for the spring trade.

We have just learned the reason why Judge Hunt was made Secretary of the navy. He once fell out of a boat.

One thousand pounds of fresh garden seeds from the well known firm of D. M. Perry & Co. Michigan, just received and for sale at Kleinschmidt's.

A liverman thinks the great want of the day is young men with three arms. He vaguely says it would lessen the number of sleighing accidents.

A few barrels of Jas. M. O'Donnell's Blue Ribbon O. K. whisky (the only genuine) at Murphy, Neel & Co's new store, corner of Front and Benton streets.

An exchange says the Egyptian obelisk cannot stand our climate. It will have to. It is asking a little too much of the people to change their climate to suit the obelisk.

John Endre's celebrated grape creek sour mash whisky for sale at Murphy, Neel & Co's. Special inducements offered to parties buying at wholesale.

There has been so much snow in this vicinity this year that the widower who has seven wives in the cemetery has to work overtime to keep their graves green.

Remember that Murphy, Neel & Co., are the only agents for the genuine Jas. M. O'Donnell, Blue Ribbon O. K. whisky, and that you can buy it of them cheaper than of any house in Montana.

According to the Boston *Globe* Vennor applies a red-hot poker to the nose of his cat and then predicts that the "spring will be backward." When little Vennor puts a tack on his chair it will be early.

It would be well for ranchmen and freighters who contemplate buying wagons this spring to call at T. C. Power & Bro., and examine their immense stock, of which they have the largest in Montana.

Remenyi performs on a \$5,000 violin. No wonder the young man next door plays so abominably. His fiddle cost but \$250.

"E. H. Taylor, Jr. & Co.'s" and "Hume" hand-made sour mash whiskies, the finest and purest goods made in the United States, at Murphy, Neel & Co's elegant new store, corner of Front and Benton streets.

An Investigation Demanded.

To the River Press.
Dear Sir.—We are citizens and tax payers of Fort Benton who have a direct interest in the management of the affairs of our own county. There are rumors afloat concerning the accounts of the late Probate Judge. We believe that the truth and the whole truth should be known concerning any deficit and to that end, without either a desire to harm one who is innocent or to shield one who is guilty, we respectfully request our county commissioners to answer through any newspaper: First, whether the late county Clerk was paid \$400 for surveying the townsites, which he has not done? Second, if he was paid \$150 for making a plat which could be obtained in Helena for \$25? Third if \$500 are lacking in the settlement of estates? Fourth, if he has made a true return of fines received from criminals? Fifth, if he received \$200 for fixing the assessment roll which should have been done by the assessor? Sixth, if \$125 was paid him for a trip to Helena on business which might have as well been transacted by letter? Seventh, if the commissioners have been deterred from enquiring into these matters because some of them were on his bond?

We respectfully ask that a thorough investigation be given, not spending a single day, but that an expert book-keeper, not interested, may be employed and give it the time that is needed. If innocent let the facts be then proclaimed, but let no guilty man escape.

CITIZENS.

For Additional Local Matter, See Page 5.