

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily.

Portland advices of the 19th inst. say that on that day the first through freight for Missoula, over the Northern Pacific, was shipped.

Assistant Surgeon R. W. Johnson has been relieved from duty at Fort Assinaboine and ordered to report for duty to the commanding officer of Fort Buford, Dak.

Henry Courtney has been engaged as head waiter at the Grand Union, and no better man for the place could have been found. He is *par excellence* in the dining room.

Maj. A. G. Robinson, the disbursing quartermaster at Helena, has been ordered to take charge of the business of placing in position near Big Hole pass the monument which will commemorate the battle which took place there with the Nez Percés Indians.

Max Waterman, Choteau's candidate for district attorney, who reached home night before last, says the boom for Botkin wherever he went during his recent trip is almost incredible to those who do not know the feeling in the center of the territory. Mr. Waterman speaks in modest terms of his own candidacy, but anyone can see he is full of hope.

The vote for the dressing gown presented by the ladies of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Helena to the more popular candidate for Congress stands as follows: Maginnis 42, Botkin 61. The vote for the gold-headed cane, for the more popular candidate for county treasurer, is as follows: W. K. Roberts 20, Charles M. Jeffers 43.

It is reliably reported that a man named Maginnis, of Minnesota, is running on the democratic ticket for delegate to congress. Maginnis is now in Helena, in the subsequent pocket of Sam Hauser's pantaloon. Sam will let him out in a few days and ship him to Butte where he will make the same old speech that he cleared Loeber hall with two years ago, and will again lift up his eyes to heaven and swear that he will never run again.—*Inter-Mountain*.

From Sunday's Daily.

Mike Lynch has purchased Ed. Flint's interest in the lower ferry, and now goes it alone.

A correspondent writing to the *Husbandman* says he believes Maiden will be the banner republican town of Meagher county.

The desert land case of Hopkins vs. Wallace, in reference to some land in the Judith valley, has been decided in favor of Hopkins.

Marshal Botkin is now canvassing the Westside and is receiving a warm reception. He spoke at Stevensville, Bitter Root valley, last night.

Charley Rowe's children, in charge of his sister, returned yesterday from Phillipsburg, where they had been visiting relations for several weeks.

J. J. Kennedy's residence on Franklin street took fire last evening about eight o'clock, and came within an ace of being burned to the ground. The fire caught from the stove pipe. The damage is only nominal.

Near the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific railroad a half a mile of track was laid, recently, in thirty-five minutes, the best time on record. Between four and five miles of track a day have been laid on this road.

Gen. A. J. Smith is paying a visit to the territory and is at present at Helena. The General has a life appointment as secretary and treasurer of the Soldiers' Home at Augusta, Maine. After closing up his business affairs in Montana he will return eastward.

Louis Heitman and Charles Mayne will leave soon for White Sulphur Springs to remain permanently. It is very probable that they will go into business at that point, and if they do we predict for them the fullest measure of success. Both are well and favorably known in that section.

Thomas Goff has accepted a position with Murphy, Neel & Co., being in charge of the hardware department. Mr. Goff has been "brought up" in a hardware store and is thoroughly familiar with every part of the business, and during the past year and a half was with Kinna & Jack at Helena. He is evidently the right man in the right place.

From Tuesday's Daily:

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Higgins, of this city, Sunday.

Democratic legislative ticket—For council and house of representatives, I. G. Baker & Co.

If Tattan would make another speech at Sun River Clingan would get every single vote in the precinct.

A joint stock company has been organized at Sun River for the construction and operation of a ferry boat on the Missouri at the mouth of Sun river.

The *Record* talks about accusations of dishonesty. Will it inform its readers of some of the accusations of dishonesty,

and even crime, publicly made by Tattan two years ago against prominent men in his own party, and which he was never able to prove.

Rufus Payne contemplates a trip to White Sulphur Springs for the benefit of his health. We regret to learn that he is physically under the weather.

Which will Messrs. Baker, Hamilton and Settle represent in the legislative assembly if elected—Choteau county or I. G. Baker & Co.? Don't everybody answer at once.

The republican rally Monday evening will be held at Wackerlin's old store on lower Front street, which will be comfortably seated for the occasion. Ladies are especially invited to attend.

Sol. Yates got in with Dutch Patrick's train which he had gone out to bring in. The teams are coming in from the Blood Agency. The teamsters report two feet of snow on the Milk river range.

George Sample's train arrived Sunday from McAdow & Dexter's mill with 10,000 feet of lumber for the Masonic building. His outfit returns to-day loaded with goods for Maiden, and will bring back another load of lumber.

M. D. Chambers treated us yesterday to a number of transcendent crab apples, which were grown in the orchard of his uncle, D. T. Goodell, who resides near Helena. We do not believe that any country can grow finer fruit of that variety.

The ball to be given by the Knights of Pythias, at the Grand Union hotel, on Thanksgiving eve, will be, if we may judge from the arrangements that are being made, a most pleasant and successful affair. The committees are working hard to render it such.

How about the *Record's* attacks and accusations of dishonesty against Tattan two years ago, which necessitated a jury of democrats to try him, which jury did not care to sift the thing to the bottom, for the sake of "party," and so brought in a Scotch verdict of "not proven." Were they of a purely personal nature?

Propositions have already been received for the rental of the new Masonic hall which is expected to be completed by the first of January. The contractors are rushing the building through, and fully expect to turn it over to the owners the first of the year. It will be a fine structure and a splendid business location.

The deputy sheriff of Lewis and Clarke county was in the Sun river country, Sunday, looking for a man named James, who secured a team at a Helena livery stable and failed to return at the appointed time. The team was secured at Eagle Rock, at which point James took a valuable horse and rode off. Up to Sunday he had not been found.

Who will vouch for the honesty of either Collins or Stevens of the *RIVER PRESS*. No one, indeed, who has any regard for their reputation.—*Record*.

And yet the *Record* talks about accusations of dishonesty, and attacks of a personal nature. Will the person who wrote that article please name a dishonest act of either of the parties named, and prove it?

Last year George Steell, of Sun River, planted a few pounds of Mammoth Pearl potatoes, a new variety, and the yield fairly astonished the natives. This year from a half an acre of the same variety he has harvested 253 bushels of as fine "Murphys" as ever grew anywhere—and Mr. Steell is beginning to believe that he deserves the palm as a potato grower.

The telephone line between Fort Shaw and Sun River is proving a great success, financially as well as otherwise, and the citizens of the latter place and Ulidia are now considering the proposition of connecting their towns with the talking wire. The project if carried out will put the people of the Chestnut valley in direct communication with the outside world.

PERSONAL

From Sunday's Daily.

—W. S. Wetzel returned from Fort Assinaboine yesterday afternoon.

—John Killally, of Hughesville, is in the city purchasing goods for his store at that point.

—Ed. Maclay and bride will return to Benton next week, or as soon as the Grand Union hotel is in operation.

—H. D. Burghardt, superintendent of the Clendenin Mining and Smelting Company, arrived in the city yesterday from Barker.

—Maj. Bartlett and Lieut. Steele arrived from Fort Maginnis yesterday. The Major is on way to Fort Shaw, and Lieut. Steele goes to Helena.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Churchill of Sun River are in the city, and are stopping at the Choteau House. Mr. Churchill is the republican candidate for Councilman for Choteau and Dawson counties, and is one of the very best men in Montana. This is his first visit to Benton for a year or two, and he expresses much

surprise at the rapid progress of our town in that time.

From Tuesday's Daily.

—Charles Bayliss, of Bayliss & Robley, Wolf creek, is in the city.

—O. H. Churchill and wife leave for their home in Sun River valley to-day.

—Frank Huy, who has turned wool grower, came in from Wolf creek yesterday.

—I. S. Corson, of Sun River, is in the city on business. He has not been in Benton for a year, and is simply astonished at the improvements made in that time.

—Jos. S. Hill went to Sun River yesterday, and will return in a few days, accompanied by Mrs. Hill, who has been visiting relatives in that valley several weeks.

—Peter McDonald has received a letter from Charley Dean, in which he says that he got home all safe and sound, and that he would start back for Benton some time in December.

NAUSEATING.

The way in which some of the democratic editors of Montana have prostrated themselves before Maginnis is absolutely sickening to a person of ordinary intelligence who possesses a spark of manliness or can feel a shame for those who lack it. The editor of the *Independent*, when nominated by the democratic convention, declined the prize for which he had striven, at the bidding of his master; the editor of the *Record* worships at the feet of Maginnis and calls him the creator of Choteau county and the savior of Montana. But the worst instance of sycophancy comes from the *Husbandman*, which pretends to be neutral in politics but whose editors are dyed-in-the-wool, unreconstructed democrats. It says in substance, in an article which is reproduced in the *Independent* as another item in favor of Maginnis, that St. Martin himself states that the *Husbandman* furnished the arguments and the proof which defeated a great land steal, but the editors of that paper, (following in the wake of the rest,) seemingly afraid of claiming the credit of what they ought to be justly proud, hand it all over to Maginnis—all the same as the balance. This is as it has ever been. Legislatures may petition and memorialize congress, private citizens and federal officials may have journeyed to Washington and devoted their time, money and such influences as they could bring to bear on that body, newspapers may have advocated measures and used great exertions to secure and publish facts and proofs in favor of the same, but Maginnis claims and gets it all from the fawning sycophants throughout the territory who are amply rewarded and happy if they chance to receive a smile or a pat on the back once every two years from the great man from Minnesota.

Official Fees.

BENTON, October 27, 1882.

Editors of the *RIVER PRESS*.

Like many others, I filed my application for two town lots upon the new reservation addition, with Judge Tattan, and was obliged to pay the sum of \$28 before the statement could be filed. On paying my money I asked for a receipt, but Judge T. at first refused to give me one, and had not I insisted upon it pretty strongly I should have gone without it. I had always supposed that an officer receiving money was obliged to give a receipt, but I was made to understand that the demand was equivalent to a doubt of the integrity of his honor, and I was snubbed quite severely.

Afterwards I went to the judge's office and asked to be shown the record of the filings, as I wanted to know the number of my statement, but was told it was not numbered. Then I asked again, and was shown a sheet with the numbers of the blocks and lots thereon, with a red circle drawn around the figures as the only record in the office of the filing.

Now, what I want to know is whether I was entitled to anything as evidence that I had paid over my money for certain specified town lots? In case the records of the probate office should be accidentally destroyed, I should have no means of proving that I had paid for any lots whatever, and in case the judge should not be his own successor I would have been in the same predicament in reference to the eight dollars which I paid for fees on the two lots, the receipt for which was the only one I received. I got no receipt for the twenty dollars.

Can you enlighten me and others who have filed as to their rights, and how to secure them.

LOT PRE-EMPTOR.

We would refer our correspondent to section 601, page 536, Revised Statutes, which provides that "Every officer charging fees shall, if required by the person paying the same, give a receipt for the same, setting forth the items, the date of each, and the sum charged therefor." This seems to cover the ground,

particularly in regard to the four dollar per lot, although that need not have been paid yet. It is a proper precaution to take a receipt for money paid out, one that is taken in everyday business affairs, and should be taken by every person who files on lots. It is casting no reflection on the honor of an official, and no one with a grain of common sense would so consider it.—Ed.

For Sale.

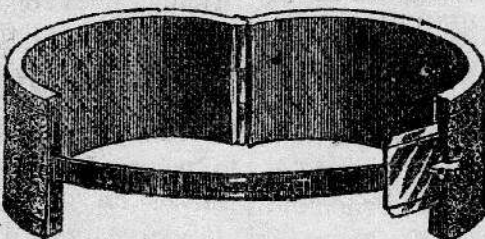
The undersigned have twenty head of fine thoroughbred Cotswold and South-down sheep which will be disposed of at a bargain. PARIS GIBSON & SON.

The *Press* denies that Todd wrote the article in yesterday's issue, but Todd himself does not deny it. Todd is probably ashamed of his work, and well he may be.—*Record*.

When Tattan gets back from his Sun River excursion and apologizes to Mr. Todd for falsely accusing him, we expect to see his echo prostrate himself before Todd and beg forgiveness also. The present aspect of that journal reminds us of Nast's cartoons during the Greeley campaign, wherein he pictured Gratz Brown as a little tag on Greeley's tail. In the present campaign Buck represents the tag.

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