

Another Coal Mine.

A gentleman of this city yesterday showed us a piece of coal which he claims is canal coal. He tells us that the vein from which the piece was taken is at least six feet thick, and it is near enough to this city so that coal can be laid down here for less than \$12 per ton, and money be made at that. We failed to ascertain where this new mine is located, but are promised full particulars within a few days. If the gentleman's claims are founded on facts it will not only prove a fortune to the lucky discoverers but a great benefit to the people of our town.

The Travels of a Bottle.

On the 29th of April, 1832, just as Evans & Hale started their wood drive from the head of the Shonkin, a young man whose ranch is located near the scene of action, wrote the following message to send down the river:

SHONKIN CANYON, CHOTEAU CO. M.T.,
April 29th, 1832.
This bottle is committed to the tender mercies of the watery elements at 4 o'clock p.m., along with Evans & Hale's wood drive, and if any person ever finds it please write to the undersigned, stating when and where, and oblige

Yours truly,

Fort Benton, M.T.

This was tightly corked in a bottle, ballasted in such a manner as to always float in an upright position, and a piece of red flannel was tied around the neck of it to attract the attention of the observer. Not many days ago the transmitter received the following, which is inserted verbatim:

OMAHA, Dec. 13th, 1832.

Dear Sir,—Last September, I reckon about the 21, I picked up a bottle, with a red rag tied around the top, and it had yure letter in it, writ April 29.

I found it about 12 mile above here, goin down the creek like a starn wheeler. Next time you set any bottles a swimin put in a little Tarantler juce for Your sarvent, JAKE JACKSON.

The White Elephant.

Allen & Brennan's club rooms have been named "The White Elephant," after one of the most successful institutions of the same kind in New York city. Yesterday they put up handsome curtains to the windows upon each of which is pointed a large white elephant. The curtains are as neat as can be, and were furnished and put up by Baker & DeLorimier of this city. We understand that they would have been in place long ago, but some trouble was experienced en route, the agents at different points refusing to check the elephants' trunks through. Joke!

Benton's Library.

Pursuant to a call, a meeting was held last evening in the board of trade rooms of the members of the literary society and subscribers to the Benton library and reading room. There being but a few persons present it was thought best to simply appoint a committee to make selections of literature and prepare a list of same to be sent east that the books may be purchased at as early a day as possible. This committee consists of the following ladies and gentlemen: Mesdames W. H. Todd, H. P. Rolfe, C. E. Conrad, Messrs. M. D. Chambers, S. C. Edgerton, S. Duffin, E. R. Clingan. It is hoped that every lady and gentleman of Benton will take an active interest in behalf of this most worthy object, and lend not only their aid but influence as well toward making it a success in every sense of the word.

A Portable Electric Lighter.

A Portable Electric Lighter for \$5 is being extensively sold by the Portable Electric Light Company, of 22 Water street, Boston. It is an economical and safe apparatus for lighting for home and business purpose.—*Scientific American.*

A Flood Predicted.

Jamestown Capital: Capt. Sims, a Missouri river man of long experience, says there is every reason to fear another flood in the spring, provided the river breaks, as is the habit, at the upper end. The ice is heavy and there is a great deal of snow above—two causes which produce disastrous results. He says the first breakup almost always occurs in and at the mouth of the Yellowstone before it goes down this way.

Bismarck Tribune: Just now the probabilities, or more properly, the possibilities of a recurrence of the floods of two years ago next spring along the Missouri are being discussed. While the Tribune most earnestly hopes that no such disaster will occur, it can certainly figure out no other result. The winter thus far throughout the northwest has been a severe one, and the ice on the river is fully as thick as it was two years ago. There has been but little warm weather this far, and although the snowfall is not heavy yet but little of it has melted. The heaviest snows along the Missouri come in the latter part of February and March, and should

the cold weather continue it will be safe to reckon on a sudden opening of the river and a warm spring. Should there be but little more snow than no fears of a flood need be entertained, but should the fall be heavy, then a general overflow of all lowlands along the river may be expected.

A COQUETTE'S SECRET.

How Lurline McCaffery Gave Back to Marmaduke Short the Wedding Ring.

"Give me the ring." Lurline McCaffery stood in an oriel window, with the sunlight beating in warm, golden waves about her slight form, and at her right, his hand outstretched in eager expectancy, while a half imperious, half pleading look shot from his big brown eyes, was Marmaduke Short. The girl had been standing there nearly thirty seconds without speaking, the light streaming in upon the soft waves of hair, the fathomless eyes and the calm sweet mouth. It was not a youthful face; the bloom and flush had faded long ago, but it was so grand and womanly, there was such an I-know-how-to-do-up-my-hair look upon it, that in comparison mere girlish prettiness lost immeasurably. At this moment Pansy Perkins entered the room. She had twisted an azure hued scarf around her shoulders and her yellow hair fell about her like a cloud. Throwing a kiss to Lurline, whose silence she did not understand, Pansy flitted away to the piano at the other end of the room and began to lower rents in the vicinity. Lurline listened intently and finally spoke:

"You really wish to break our engagement, then?" she asked.

Marmaduke spoke no word, but the inclination of the head showed that the girl had not guessed amiss.

"And you will marry Pansy?" Again the head was bowed and the dimpled chin hit his shirt front.

"Then I give you the ring with pleasure," said the girl. "I could wish for no sweeter revenge."

"What do you mean?" asked the man his face pallid with an undefinable fear.

"I mean," she says, her every word falling upon his tinted ear as fall the earth clouds upon a coffin, "that in addition to playing the piano she sometimes sings."—*Chicago Tribune.*

Wealthy Newsboys.

"The big, tall newsboy over there at the post office steps is worth \$20,000 in his own right."

It was another newsboy who gave this rather startling bit of information to the writer.

"Yes, sir," continued the talking newsboy, "that's Alf—Alf Shatter, and he does the biggest trade of any boy in the city. Why, maybe you don't believe it, but its true, he makes more money a day than any of the Fourth street clerks do. Alf averages \$6 and \$7 a day."

"But he has to work for it?"

"Well, I should say so. How long do you suppose he has sold papers on that corner? Nineteen years, sir, Alf began business about war times, and he has never given up. Now he has the boss business of all the boys."

"A regular trade?"

"That's it, sir. You'll see gentlemen come across the street at all hours, get a paper from him without a word and walk away not offering to pay. Those are his regular customers and he has hundreds of them."

Further inquiry developed the fact that Shatter is nearly thirty years old. He is married and lives in his own property on Spring Grove avenue. Out at Milford he owns a farm for which he has refused \$10,000. Besides this farm he owns other property, real and personal of equal value.

Down at the corner of Fourth and Walnut is another newsboy, whose familiar face has been a landmark at that point for ten years past. His name is John Finn. Fourth and Walnut is his particular field, and no other newsboy ever attempts to invade it. Though not as wealthy as Shatter, Johnny can draw his check for \$5,000, and have it honored. He has had his home at the Union Bethel for years, where he regularly pays a fixed sum for board and lodging.

The Texas Cattle Drive.

The number of cattle which will come over the trail from this state in 1833 will be close to 220,000. Of this number not more than 120,000 will be put on the open market; the other 100,000 will be sold for ranch purposes. On the ranches where they start the prices for which these cattle have been contracted range from \$10.50 to \$12.50 for yearlings, \$14.50 to \$16.50 for two-year-olds, and \$18 to \$19 for three-year-olds. Nearly all the females to be driven are for ranch purposes and were sold at what just now are considered fancy prices.

The paper named says: "The demand

for two-year-old steers has been largely in excess of the supply, and the entire crop will, in all probability, be brought out by the high prices offered. The demand for young steers for ranch purposes in the state is greater by one-half than it was last year, owing partly to the fact that female cattle are worth as much money on southwestern ranches as they are in the north, and are really not for sale. The tendency to hold on to breeding stock evidences the fact that southwestern ranchmen prefer to breed cattle to grow beeves, and that for breeding purposes no country in the world excels southwest Texas. The small number of three-year-old steers to be driven this year shows that the demand for beef has been unusually great, and that the one and two-year-old steers were driven out very closely for the past few years.—*Texas Live Stock Journal.*

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JNO. A. MCGEE.

The New Reporter.

The new reporter said he was particularly strong on reporting lectures: He never took any notes, he said, but trusted to his memory, which never failed. Here is a specimen brick of his first essay: "There is no telling," said the lecturer, "where we might have been to-day but for the persistent study of Newton in astronomical science resulting in the discovery of the secrets of the solar system; the inventive brain of a Fulton, which gave us our knowledge of the law of gravity; the untiring energy of a Galileo, to whom we are indebted for the printing press; the mental activity of a Franklin, who produced the first steamboat, and the clear-sighted intelligence of Columbus, who robbed the clouds of their electricity." Although the editor admitted that the reporter had evidently got it all in, the report, for prudential reasons, was not printed. The young man is now engaged in looking up a new place. When he gets it no doubt he will be fitted for it.

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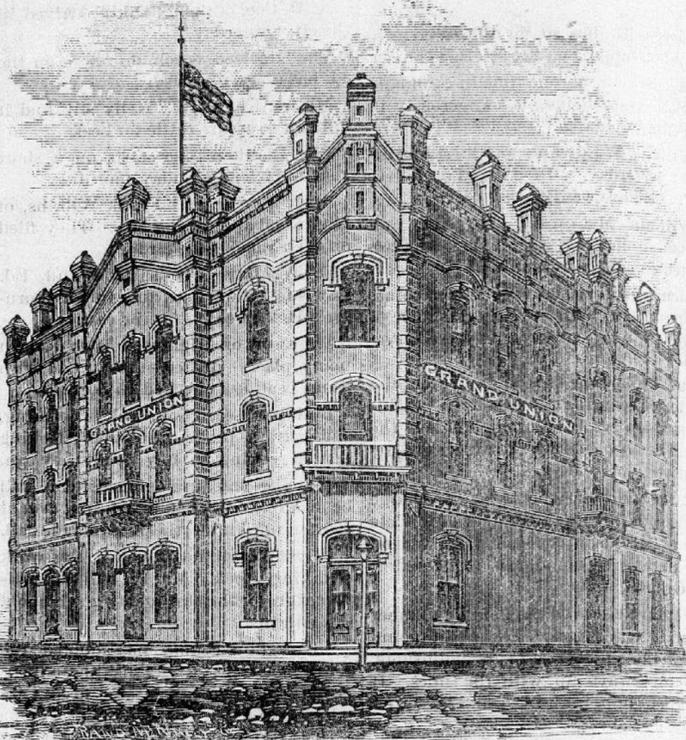
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