

MADISONIAN

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Bannack Local Items

Sleighting is tip-top and the folks are going for it moderately.

Ex-Sheriff Con. Bray is branching out in the quartz business somewhat.

The Bannack School, under the care of a handy Oregon master, is progressing finely.

Michael Glancy, an old-time and successful miner, is going into the raising of dogs, to improve the breed of canines.

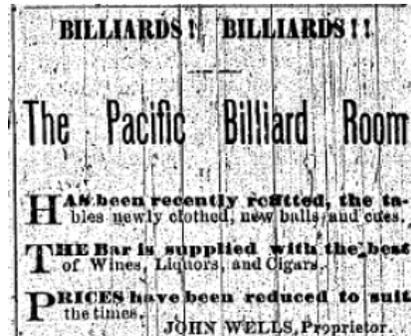
E. Melvin Trask, of the firm of Trask & Son, goes East, in a few days, to purchase a large stock of goods for their extensive store, for next summer's business.

The dance at Peck's Hall on New Years' Eve was one of the nicest and best ever enjoyed in Bannack. There was a large turnout and splendid supper at the Goodrich House. Judge Mead waltzed with Otis and the strange commingling of the Mohawk red with the Puritan jig was afforded delightful fun for the assemblage.

The observance of New Years' Day in Bannack was on strictly proper principles. Early in the morning, Tom Hamilton, Bob McDowell and Tom Ravenscroft were appointed a select committee to herd the town and keep down all manifestations of extra pride-and that's the reason why everything passed off without noise!

Carpenter George M. Brown has gone into partnership with Davie Morgan, on the Yorkshire Lode and will erect a mill to crush the quartz taken out of the lode. Mr. Brown is a straight Republican of the toughest kind and is Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for

Beaverhead County. Outside of his politics he's honest, and popular with the people.



Jan 10, 1874

Noah Armstrong, Esq., of Bryant Mining District is stopping at the Clasbey. Mr. Armstrong reports things favorable in that district. He tells us that the assertion of a Bannack correspondent of the Helena Herald that he was running his lines so as to gobble up the claims of other parties, on Sulphide Mountain, is a mistake. He has done nothing of a kind.

Hon Washington Stapleton, Council man from Beaverhead County, arrived late on Saturday, after our weekly had gone to press. Wash. Stapleton's record is without blemish and he is so thorough a representative of the people at large, as to make his name familiar to the people of the entire Territory. We have known Wash. For many years and his Democracy has always been of that steadfast and unswerving quality we like to commend. As President of the Extra Session he won for himself merited praise, for his impartial and able presiding over the Council. Mrs. Stapleton accompanied her husband and her presence will be quite an addition to the social society of the city.

Hon. Joe Brown, the Washington County (Pa.) member of the House, alighted at the Crescent on Sunday. He did not bring Brown's Bridge with him, but he brought Peter Gallagher. They had a head of bad luck coming over, breaking down several times, but came in on time. Everybody in this section of Montana knows Joe Brown, for he had been a legislator heretofore and Beaverhead has an efficient representative in him.

H.C. Graves, of Centerville, Meagher County, came within our editorial sanctum yesterday. He is in route to pay his brother, F.C. Graves at Bannack, a visit. Mr. Graves was formerly, a Clerk in the Legislature, but the outlook for serving the people not looking flattering, he postpones bothering with office-seeking until some more opportune time.

Peter Gallagher, of Big Hole, is going to leave us for a while. He intends visiting his parents who reside in Donegal, Ireland. Peter is a mighty good man, and he shows it by paying his aged parents a visit.

Hon. G.W. McCauley, a Democrat of the Jeffersonian order from Jefferson County, was with us a few moments. He obtains filing at the International, and will be in his seat in the House at all times.

Mr. Owen Gaffney, of Gaffney, is in the city, and reports everything in his section moving along as usual, and the weather fine, and no snow.

The Chief and the "Bar Keeps"

Geo. Todd has secured the services of Monsieur Jessen, of Helena, who has the reputation of being the cleverest mixer of drinks of any "bar keep" on the headwaters of old Muddy. Toddle 'round that way and get one of them.

BANNACK ITEMS

"Josh" Billings leaves for the States in a few days. He goes to the Indianapolis dispensary for medical treatment of rheumatism of the nerves, with which he has been afflicted the past summer.

Revs. Riggin and Van Orsdell have been holding a revival during the past week. We are informed that they have been doing considerable and effective work in awakening a religious feeling among the people of Bannack.

The "Exchange" is closed for repairs. Fred Peck in the interim will go to manufacturing cane-bottomed arm chairs, at which business he is quite handy.

One of the young fellows of Bannack, on being miffed by his girl, came near perpetrating self-murder. The drug store being closed, he couldn't get any genuine poison, and had to resort to other stuff. He took six bottles of Jamaica ginger, but at last accounts he was surviving, and his girl was sorry she done so. No names, as the parties are respectable and want the matter hushed up.

Jan. 17, 1874

Bannack Items

The revival meetings held in Bannack during the week were conducted with great interest, and Revs. Riggin and Van Orsdell

preached and awakened a religious feeling among the Bannackites, which, it is hoped will prove beneficial to the denizens of that town.

John Carhart & Co., on No. 7, Dakota Lode, has struck richer quarts than ever and has a large body in sight. Bill Terry is one of the Co. and does the shooting and blowing in a modest way. The will make money, for the quartz is sprinkled with the yellow metal, visible to the eye.

A petition is in circulation in and around Bannack, praying the Legislature to pass a law to enable the County Commissioners of Beaverhead to issue bonus bonds for the purpose of aiding in the erection of Reduction Works at some convenient and accessible point in that County. It is meeting with considerable favor.

We are in receipt of a belligerent communication from a young gent of Bannack, on the subject of the ginger attempt to self destruction. He says he didn't do so. His girl did not give him the mitten. That whoever sent us that information told one the biggest kind of lies. Our informant is an entail of the first water. The letter is wrathful in tone, and there must be some mistake in the matter. We are confident that the young men did not take the six bottles of Jamaica ginger, and that his girl still loves him plenty.

The destruction of the books, papers and record of the Helena Library and Historical Society, is a loss not easily replaced. Through the indefatigable exertions of Col. Sanders and his co-workers these two societies had collected an invaluable number of books and

papers. It will be almost impossible to replace, making it a public loss all will regret.

There will be Sampling Works erected on the Big Hole River, at some point so as to take in the interests of the Bryant and Vipond Mining Districts. The works will be constructed on the plan of the Sampling Works at San Francisco. Noah Armstrong and C. Dahler, Esqs., are the projectors of the enterprise.

Jan. 24, 1874

The Trapper Lode in the Bryant Mining District in Beaverhead County is turning out very rich rock. Wm. Purvine is assaying and sampling ores from that lode that averages \$3,000 per ton.

Dahler and Elling are changed men. By a notice printed today, it will be seen that they have changed their business days as to observe the Sabbath in the future. We like to witness alterations of this kind and hope many of our business men may be induced to follow the example of our bankers.

G. Wash. Todd is a dealer in witticisms, wines and liquors. He keeps the Olive-a nice little ranch, where the members do congregate to pray and discuss the excellent condition of the warm weather and the et-set-e-rye with sugar.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned bankers of Virginia City, hereby agree to hereafter close our places of business on Sundays.

C.L. Dahler
Henry Elling

Jan 31, 1874

The arrival of five hundred cases of Fresh Baltimore Oysters at Mannheim's will afford another opportunity to those who like to swallow these slick little creatures. They are very much the same kind as the last invoice, and were caught with deliberate care and added to the oyster is wine of a quality fit for princes to imbibe. Call round that way and see how near we come to telling the strictest truth.

H.J. Hoppy, of Bozeman, is in the city, in the interests of the Yellowstone Wagon Road Expedition, which is now outfitting and collecting at Bozeman. Mr. H. visits us for the purpose of receiving any contributions to that project. This exhibition is attracting considerable attention, and will be prosecuted successfully. Mr. H. is prepared to impart any information in regard of it, and receive any aid that may be given toward helping the expedition.

Bannack Items

Not much snow has fallen in the mountains above Bannack as yet, which will be apt to make water scarce.

Gus Graiter has men engaged in quarrying out rock for the purpose of erecting a commodious fire-proof building early next spring.

Fred Peck & Co. is prospecting on the head of Plummer's gulch. They have struck about a cent to the pan and are getting down where the dirt begins to look red.

Some of the quartz and ores are being mined around Bannack this winter are rich, which will make

the old camp keep up during the coming season with its usual success and prosperity.

The revival closed in Bannack after having been well attended, and the religion sentiment awakened by Revs. Riggin and Van Orsdell was creditable to the efforts of the ministers in the cause of the church.

Phil Shenon departed for his old home at Utica, N.Y. last week. He will be absent until spring visiting, and endeavor to interest capitalists in the Trapper silver lode of the Bryant District. He also intends to bring out additional machinery and supplies of tools for working the many lodes he is operating.

Con Bray and Elzie Murray have contracted to sink the main shaft of the Delmonte lode, in the Blue Wing to a depth of one hundred and thirty feet. The work is to be done for Smith & Sears and the Diamond "P" company. As far down as this lode has been prospected the ore has proven to be of a shipping grade.

Joe Lawill, Esq., who has been quite extensively engaged in buying and shipping ores from the Blue Wind District to Freiberg, Germany has received has received favorable returns from his shipments. Mr. L. is a thoroughly qualified assayer of ores, having spent a long time under eminent and practical German professors, at the celebrated Freiberg reduction works, and is prepared to render correct assays of ores and metals, having a complete apparatus of the most approved kind and he know how to work it.

Feb. 7, 1874

The Bryant Mining District

The Bryant Mining District in Beaverhead County is looming up in importance as the lodes are developed. The quarts and ores are proving by assay tests to be of very rich grades and are found in large quantities. The prospecting of some of the lodes in that camp is being prosecuted this winter and as far as they have sunk down on any of the lodes the showing of permanency is good. Mr. Maynard is in the city directly from Bryant and through him we learn that the recent assays made prove the ores to be as rich down at the depth of twenty five feet as they were on the surface. Mr. Owen Gaffney is now in the East, at Rochester, N.Y., making arrangements for machinery for Reduction Works, to be erected in Bryant District.

Bob Wing, of Argenta, and Dave Jones, of Rattlesnake Creek, Beaverhead County, are over, stopping in the city for a few days. They are both old residents of Beaverhead and are about as good men as are needed to make and fill up any county with.

John Cannovan, of Gaffney, is in town. He is the popular proprietor of the Gaffney Hotel, which he governs and keeps going on the approved principles.

The Good Templers, at Gaffney, propose to erect a hall, for the use of the order. The dimensions of the building will be twenty by forty feet, and considerable has been contributed toward the erection of the building.

The Trapper Lode.

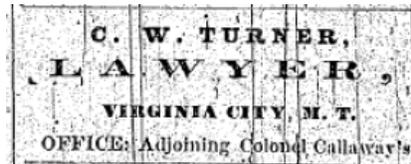
From Joe Browne who has just returned from the Big Hole country, we learn that everything in that section is going on favorably and that the weather is so mild that some of the early little spring birds are out whistling their praises. He furnishes some account of the Trapper Lode, in the Bryant Mining District. The discovery shaft is now down to a depth of fifty five feet, and is on a vein nine feet wide. The ore samples of an equal average grade at the bottom of the shaft with what it was at the surface. Quite a number of assays have been made and the ore has ranged from \$280 to \$5,458 per ton. The owners are developing the lode and by spring will be down deep. The other lodes in that district are being prospected.

Feb. 14, 1874

Robert and James Kirkpatrick of Rattlesnake Creek rode Beaverhead broncos into town yesterday.

The bill authorizing the County Commissioners of Beaverhead to submit to the people of that county the proposition to vote \$30,000 to aid in the erection of Reduction Works has passed. The law was perfected by Stapleton and Browne and was introduced in the House by the latter gentleman. It provides for submitting the question to a vote at the next August election. The bill failed to be signed by the Governor and the people of that County will have no opportunity to do anything toward the development of their quartz. The law would have been popular in that county.

Hon. Joe Browne received a rich specimen of silver ore from the famous Trapper Lode in the Bryant Mining District. It was consigned to the care of the Madisonian office, and if we only had one hundred tons of the ore we would feel rich.



Feb. 21, 1874

Good Flour

At this time there seems to be a more than usual rivalry between the flouring mills in this section to see which can turn out the best quantity of flour. We have had occasion lately to examine samples from several of the different mills, all of which were very fine. We are not at all prejudiced in the matter, but the cargo brought into market this week by George Boatman, of the Silver Mills, is certainly the best we have yet examined.

Wagon Road into the Bryant Mining District

The Bryant Mining District in Beaverhead County is being developed so favorably that the early construction of a wagon road into the district will be a necessity. We are informed that the project is being discussed and that estimates of the probable cost of constructing a good road having been made and that one suitable for freighting oxen can be built for about \$2,000. The need for such a road will be felt as soon as spring opens, for there will be

considerable quartz to be hauled out of the district and there will be a rush of people to examine and prospect the many rich lodes already discovered in the Bryant District. Aid will be asked of Beaverhead County, in order to make the road a free one open to public travel. The Commissioners of that county, at their next session, will be asked to give help toward the enterprise. The experience of the people, last fall, in footing the "Modoc war bill" will surely be a sufficient argument in favor of making all such roads common property, for the benefit of the entire community. The proposed road is intended to strike the main road at point close to Browne's Bridge, and can be opened up, by letting it out under contract for the sum visited-\$2,000.

Feb. 28, 1874

The Snow Blockade

Owing to the heavy falls of snow on the southern end of the Corrine road, we have had by two Eastern mails during the week. Notwithstanding this interference with travel on Wells Fargo & Co.'s Overland, Ed Walters, at the "Overland Clothing Store," has made schedule time, and has on hand the best selected stock of clothing ever put on sale in this market.

BANNACK ITEMS

Some sickness, resembling the epizoo, is prevailing among the inhabitants.

Major Watson is fixed to manufacture the round-up brands for the Territory.

Mel Trask has returned from the East, having made extensive purchases of goods.

The Bannack tinker Dart's it to tin pans, kettles and everything in his line, as usual.

The weather has been cold, but that occurs every winter in Bannack without fail.

Otis still retains his grip-and is laying low until water runs in the north side ditch!

Hon Wash. Stapleton and Judge Mead returned to their constituents, with a consistent Legislative record.

The ore taken out of the Delmonte and other lodes in the Blue Wing District is up to the expectations of the miners in that district, and will yield money.

On the receipt of the Round-Up law Fred Peck was drove up and branded. The affair came off by moonlight, and it took all the Masonic fraternity of Bannack to hold him down while the deed was being done.

The railroad up the side of the mountain, to the Wadams lode, works admirably, and deposits the quartz where it can be easily got without having to climb an almost perpendicular mountain, and will prove a great saving in the working of the quarts from the Wadams.

Kinney and Graeter's big ox train will start for Corrine early in March. The train will be at the railroad and ready to return to Montana as soon as the roads become passable. Major Kinney, who has been spending the winter East, has been purchasing largely for the new house, which will open up the most extensive stock every offered to the citizens of southwestern Montana and Easter Idaho.

Phil Shenon & Co., on the Wadams lode, are taking out a large quantity of rich gold quartz and will have a dump pile sufficient to run their steam mill, five stamp water mill and three arastras steady all next summer. The rock from the Wadams has been paid for years and since it has been under the management of Shenon the lode has been so successful and energetically worked as to become one of the most valuable in the Territory.

Mar. 7, 1874

Rochester Mining Items

This camp, after being partially deserted for the past five years is looking up again, and has a good prospect for the future.

Mr. Oaks, of Rochester, was in the city a few days during the past week, and he reports favorably for that town.

The Woodruff Mill is kept constantly running on rock from different lodes – mostly from the Havana. They crush about fifty tons per month, and the rock runs from \$15 to \$75 to the ton.

Mr. Oaks is hoisting ore from the Pilgrim and other lodes. The Pilgrim quartz pays from \$18 to \$100 per ton.

Rochester is steadily increasing in population, and will have between 100 and 200 inhabitants by the first of May.

The men engaged here are practical miners and workers. No "dead beats" are visible, or any of that class of drones who subsist in good health staying round loose, without occupation.

Many of the mining towns in Montana have been deadened by "professors" who come to the

Territory to fish and hunt, and tell how well they were raised. What are wanted is practical workers, and that is the kind to be found at Rochester. Too much theorizing has been the placed in making quartz pay in the Territory heretofore.

A bald head Eagle, measuring nearly seven feet from tip to tip of the wings, was killed by Dan Woodman, in the Bitterroot valley, last week. The Injuns roasted and ate the bird with satisfaction.

March 14, 1874

Ball at Gaffney

A ball is to go off at Gaffney, on Tuesday evening, March 17th. It is to be given under the supervision of the Good Templars of Gaffney, at their new hall. John Cannovan and lady will prepare an excellent supper on the occasion. The music is to be furnished by McKenzie's band, which is assurance that it will be square fiddling to dance after. Attend.

The Correspondents.

We are in receipt of several communications from Bannack, from the States and from the Prickly Pear Valley-but too late for this week's issue. They will appear next week.

Bannack Items

C.O. Trask & Son's mule train leaves for Corrine on Tuesday the 17th. This firm expects to get merchandise through from the railroad as soon as oats-fed mules will be able to travel the road.

Mr. Thompson has arrived at Bannack and will start the Dexter

Amalgamating Works as soon as water will run in the ditch, to drive the machinery with. The prospect that these works will prove a success is encouraging.

Mar. 21, 1874

The Snow Blockade on the Corrine Road.

Advices from Pleasant Valley and beyond report the blockade of snow as being very heavy, and the coaches are behind time in consequence. No eastern mails are arriving, and three are now due at this city.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

The co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm of Mahan & Shirving is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

John Mahan

John Shirving

Virginia City, M.T. Mar. 10, 1874

Mar. 28, 1874

C.L. Dahler, Esq., has gone to Salt Lake. He will return in short time and Mrs. D. and Dahler, Jr., with him.

Joe Browne, of the Bridge, was in town yesterday, buying furniture. He reported no murders or fights in the Upper Big Hole and that the people were moving along in the even tenor of their ways, fearing the Lord and obeying the law, both human and Devine.

Chas. L. Dahler leaves on the coach tomorrow for Virginia City, and from thence he will proceed to Salt Lake. Mr. Dahler, we understand, will bring his family

back to Montana in May next, and permanently locate in Helena – Herald, March 18.

Lately the Herald has fallen into the “we understand” method of white-fibbing. Mr. Dahler left Virginia City for Salt Lake by last Tuesday’s coach, and will be back soon. Mr. D. has shown that one in the Herald when he remarked, “Well, the Herald is an infallible fibber.” Subscribers to the Herald are warned against this system of creating items which has been recently imported fresh from the East for the great Chicago advertising street of Helena.

Bannack Items

Phil Shenon, who has been east, spending the winter “with the old folks at home,” has just returned to Bannack. He had a pleasant visit and purchased considerable material and machinery for future use.

The miners down the creek are piling up small mountains of pay grit, and the dump piles of Bayles, Madigan, Kelly and Penaluna, Garfield, Mayor and Ross, Joe Cowan, and others, bears evidence that “by industry we thrive.”

The prospect for Bannack, the coming summer, is brighter than usual. Shenon & Co., and Carhart, Terry & Co., have a large amount of gold quarts, ready for crushing, and these companies will take out many thousands of dollars.

The return of Dr. Leavitt to Bannack is much needed, as the town and county is without a physician, and there is and has been considerable sickness. Report say the Dr. will be back soon.

O.D. Farlin has made another discovery. Judge Mead says it is

worth a couple of millions. Larwill says it assays a ton.

There is a prospect that some of the cheap diggings around Bannack will be sold to the Chinamen, as they are on the buy.

Noah Armstrong has returned to the Bryant Mining District. Mr. A. has purchased the necessary machinery and will put up a Sampling Works this spring. The exact locality for the erection of the works is not determined on as yet, but they will be put up convenient to the Bryant and Vipond Districts.

Apr. 4, 1874

Charles Wunderlich, merchant and postmaster at Divide, in Deer Lodge County, was visiting the city during the week. Mr. W. reports everything favorable in that part of Montana, with the prospect for a great deal of work being done in the Vipond and Bryant Mining Districts the coming summer.

Johnny Mahan, having disposed of his business at Virginia City, is at present in Helena, enjoying a visit with his many metropolitan friends.

A.H. Foster, in charge of Col. Largey’s trains, will move out in about ten days. Mr. Foster isn’t the kind to let grass grow under his feet. When he does a thing he does it with all his might. We expect to hear of quick time from Corrine, this season.

In and Out of Town

Johnny Cook, or Rochester, was up this week. He reports a prospect for lively times in that camp the coming season.

John Oaks, or Rochester, was here the beginning of the week.

Charlie Beehrer, of Big Hole Valley, came up on Tuesday. He says his stock, of which he has a large bank, numbering some of the finest thorough-breds in the country, is looking splendid.

Rev. Hough Duncan, the "old wheel horse" of Christianity in Montana, is in attendance on the revival meetings. Mr. Duncan has labored long and hard in the cause of the Church of this Territory, has remained faithful to his trust under varying and trying circumstances, and the old man now rejects in the realization of the fact that many of his old friends and neighbors have come over to the Lord's side and declared their determination to be henceforward, found laboring for the advancement of Christianity.

Noah Armstrong, of Bryant District is in the city. He reports plenty of snow in that section.

Apr. 11, 1874

Sale of a Blooded Bull

Alex Metzel has sold his bull, Second Duke of York, to Charley Beehrer. The Duke is pronounced by competent judges who have examined him to be one of the finest in the Territory. He is fourteen months old; dark red in color, tips the scale handsomely at 1,100 pounds, and is as fine as a ribbon. He was sired by Mr. Metzel's Oxford Butterfly and damed by Cotta, a pure thoroughbred, which gives him a clear pedigree. Mr. Beehrer is availing himself to every opportunity to add to his already fine herd of short horns, and in the purchase of the Duke has made a valuable acquisition.

O.F. Parmeter, George Hardesty, A. Purdum and Squire Cowell, were up from Sheridan.

O.J. Salisbury, of the Overland Stage Company, is in the city on business.

Charles Weeks, of Bryant district paid us a visit on Friday. He gives a fair report from that section of the country, and says if things turn out as well as appearances indicate, he will put up a mill somewhere in that vicinity.

Jack Prettyman was up from Rochester.

Brundage, tinkerer of guns, can fix up double barreled shotguns so you can hit lots of ducks at a clutter. He takes the kick out of the end of the stock and greases the inside of the barrel in a way to prevent scattering. Show him your gun if it is out of order, and you want to kill game dead.

Apr. 18, 1874

We received a call from Mr. John Seidensticker, of Red Mountain, this week. He reports the prospect as good for an average mining season in his section. It was \$5 he left with us for a year's subscription to the Madisonian, for which we say, thanks, John.

Apr. 25, 1874

Bannack Local Items

There was a scarcity among Bannack merchants of sugar and coffee.

The work of cleaning ditches and fixing up placer diggings for the season, has commenced, but there has not been much accomplished yet.

The cattle and other stock that have wintered on the Grasshopper and Horse Prairie are looking well, and no loss is reported.

The mines in the Blue Wing District are plugging away, and some of them have done well, and have good sized dumps of silver ore on hand, ready for shipment.

The Goodrich House has reduced board to \$8; single meals, 50 cents; lodging, 50 cents. This old and popular hotel will be found, by travelers, to be one of the best conducted in the Territory.

Some prospects are sinking on Dye's Creek, five miles from Bannack, but have not found bed stone. They get small prospects in the gravel as they are sinking.

Carhart and Company are at work putting in a dam on the Grasshopper, at the big white mill. This is to afford motive power to run the machinery of the mill, on rich rock taken from Dacotah No. 7. The Company has a certainty of good returns.

The "Bank Exchange" was opened last Saturday evening, and will continue to stay open for the sole accommodation of thirty men the coming summer. The "Exchange" is conducted in such a way as to make it rank foremost in the saloon business.

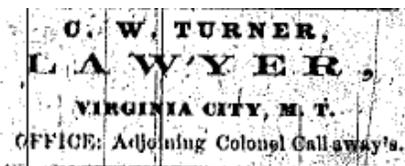
Phil Shenon & Co., are about ready to start up their mills and arastras. The Wadams lode has turned out a big pile of quarts and Shenon & Co. have enough on hand to keep their mills pounding and their arastras grinding until closing time next fall. If the

energy is still displayed by Phil Shenon in the workings of the mines and mills were followed by others, there would be no failures in Montana.

Sale of a Short Horn

Charley Beehrer, has sold the fine bull Maurice Healy, to Mr. Harrison Jordan, of Fish Creek. Maurice Healy is seventeen months old and weighs 1,300 pounds. He was sired by Mr. Beehrer's Archie Duke of Montana and dammed by Jenny Merrick, a thoroughbred of the "first water." The consideration was \$300.

May 2, 1874



Dr. Getchell was up from Rochester during the week. He left a handsome deposit of bullion at the Banking House of C.L. Dahler. The Doctor has recently purchased the McAndrews, Wann & Co, mill of F.R. Merk, which he will keep constantly running on the rich ores of the district. Whit Tennant, of the same place, was in. Both gentlemen report the camp lively.

Gaffney and Twin Bridges

At Gaffney times are about as lively as at any of the crossroad stations. John Cannovan, the hotel keeper, has thrown up, and the Gaffney Hotel is now run by L.H. Jefferson.

Mr. Owen Gaffney is expected home soon from the States. Chas. Gaffney is in charge of the store

and post office and is a young man of good business qualifications.

At Twin Bridges everything looks well. The Bridges are in good trim, and the traveling public will find them always in a safe condition to pass over. Mark Lott is at home, which makes things thereabouts have a sunny appearance.

Items from Bannack

O.D. Farlin was found on the night of the 27th ult., in the Blue Wing District, with a broken leg. He was leading a pack horse, when the animal jumped on him, knocking him down, breaking his leg, and bruising him considerably. He was brought to his home in Bannack, on the 28th, and cared for.

Robert McClain, of Horse Prairie, was brought to Bannack about a week ago in a crazed condition. He was taken care of and watched for a couple of days, when he became so violent in his actions that it was found necessary to remove him to the county jail, in order to secure him from committing injuries upon people and property. He is now confined, and it is hoped by his friends that the attack may prove only a temporary derangement.

Proposals for Carrying Mails

Postmaster General Cresswell advertises the proposals to carry the United States mail at the following places and times;

From Callaway to Gaffney, 10 miles and back once a week. Leave Callaway Saturday at 8 a.m.; arrive at Gaffney at 1 p.m.; arrive at Callaway by 4 p.m.

From Gaffney by Twin Bridges, Rochester, Red Mountain City and

Butte City to Silver Bow, 47 miles and back twice a week. Leave Gaffney Monday and Thursday at 7 a.m.; arrive at Silver Bow by 6 p.m. Leave Silver Boy Tuesday and Friday at 7 a.m.; arrive at Gaffney by 6 p.m.

Proposals will be received until May 30, 1874, int. at the Contract Office, Post office Department, Washington. Bids should be addressed to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, with all the envelopes marked = "Mail proposals, Territory of Montana."

May 9, 1874

Advices from the Bryant Mining District of Beaverhead County are encouraging and state that the claim owners are getting in and pushing the development of their lodes rapidly forward. The wagon road is being constructed into the district from a point near Brown's Bridge, which will be something over twenty miles long when finished.

Personals

Amos Purdum, school teacher from Sheridan, called at our office a few days ago.

Noah Armstrong, of the Bryant District has been visiting the city on business.

May 6, 1874

Rochester District

Mr. J.F. Storr, our Lower Wallace Street merchant, returned on Thursday of this week, from Rochester District, where he has been looking after his quartz interests. He reports that camp is in a flourishing condition. There are about one hundred men at work

on the different lodes, all of whom appear to be doing well. The town is improving rapidly, and everything about it seems to be on the look up. Three hotels, one butcher shop, one saloon, and one store, all are doing a lively business.

Bannack Locals

The White Bar Ditch Company expects to take out good pay this summer. They have good ground to commence work on.

The Old Canyon Ditch will probably remain idle; a dilapidated emblem of wasted energies, blasted hopes and bitter regrets.

Graeter and Company's line of ditches and diggings are in good shape for doing a good amount of profitable mining this season. Where they quit last fall they had rich pay and plenty of it.

The Bannack and Salmon River Circuit of the M.R. Church South will hereafter be occupied by Rev. Taylor, of the Bitterroot Valley, who has been appointed to preach on that station.

Robt. McClain, insane, has been examined by Dr. Smith of Virginia City, and it has been decided to send him to the hospital at Helena for care and treatment. He has a wife and two small children living on a ranch on Horse Prairie Creek.

The North Side Ditch has been thoroughly scooped out and repaired in better shape than ever before. Phil Shenon & Co., have purchased all the fractional interests of this ditch, and now own the whole property, which gives them absolute control of the water, and will enable them to run three mills – the ditch being of that capacity.

County Clerk Peck states that the total amount of the indebtedness of Beaverhead County, on March 1, 1874, was \$7,600. This is a fair showing for Beaverhead, and tells how honest Democratic officials do run the affairs of the people with economy.

The new itch of Odell & Company, at Bald Mountain has water in and they have begun operations. This company has a valuable and extensive placer claim and will now be able to work it to advantage. Their diggings are good for \$12 per day to the men, and look as though they would last for years to come.

John Carhart & Company will have their mill ready to commence mashing rich rock taken from Dakota No. 7, during the winter. They will run their stamps with power from a turbine water wheel, and have dammed the Grasshopper for that purpose.

The Delmonte lode, in the Blue Wing District, owned by Smith & Sears, is turning out richer ore than ever. Con Bray has leased a portion of the Delmonte and he says he expects to get back some of his money, as he has a large body of ore in site that will "ante" a round margin of profit.

Phil Shenon & Co. has three mills grinding on soft quartz that make plates look rich. Their mills are running on rock from the Wadams lode. They have on the dump pile at the end of the railway below the lode, between 700 and 800 tons of quartz. The Wadams is keeping up its lick, with a crevice varying in width from twenty-five to thirty-five feet and is one of the best paying gold lodes in Montana.

On Wash Stapleton's "New Departure," they have struck a rich body of ore again. It assays richer than any heretofore shipped, and it is a better thing to have than the Presidency of the Council of the Territory.

Montana Mélange

Con Kohrs, of Deer Lodge, is going to try and find a foreign market for cattle. He intends driving about 400 head of them to the railroad at Corrine.

Wm. M. Archer has erected a large building and opened up a splendid stock of goods at Rochester. The mills are running and the camp presents a lively appearance.

There is a scarcity of water around Butte City. On Fleaser Mountain there is a supply of snow, which will make a supply of water at Silver Bow.

May 23, 1874

Banker Elling has purchased twenty-one ounces of fine quality gold retort, which was sold to Mr. Robert Tindall and taken from a new lode discovered in Rochester Gulch. W. Tennant, also from Rochester, brought in thirty ounces of retort.

Personals

C.L. Dahler, Esq., arrived home on yesterday's coach.

Billy Wood, of Beaverhead Valley, was in the city during the week.

P.H. Meagher, of Rochester Gulch, was in town on Wednesday.

W.H. Clagett and O.J. Salisbuty, who have heavily invested in the new Flint Creek Ditch, are

personally superintending the commencing of mining operations.

June 6, 1874

John Mannheim's Brewery is acknowledged to be the place to get beer with life in it. There are none of your stale decoctions of hops on tap at this place. Go and see, and while you are there try a little target practice with guns loaded with condensed wind.

The Board of County Commissioners, at the session that closed on last Thursday, created two new election precincts in this county. One is Prettyman's store at Rochester, and the other at Davis' Bar, at the new mines on the Jefferson. The establishment of a precinct at the latter place was demanded of voters there by the first Monday in August. At the former place there are quite a number of voters, who will be greatly accommodated by having a precinct at that town.

John Spiker has purchased Mannheim's Bakery and Saloon, on Wallace Street, between Jackson and Van Buren streets. John Spiker knows how to run one of these institutions, and under the new ownership it will continue to be a popular place of resort, as it has heretofore been.

June 13, 1874

Boatman, Hawks & Co., is engaged in running a ground sluice cut for the purpose of putting in a bedrock flume in Ramshorn Gulch, have struck about eight feet of paving gravel, the lower strata of which contains gold of a coarse

character. Mr. Boatman gave us a call, exhibiting several specimens that have been picked up in the ground sluice. The company feels highly elated and is pushing their prospecting with vigor.

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BREWERY,
JOHN MANNHEIM, Proprietor,
VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA.

HAVING disposed of my Bakery and Confectionery business to Mr. John Spiker, I will now give my whole attention to my Brewery, which will enable me supply the trade in large or small quantities, and with a quality unsurpassed.

The best Lager in the house always on tap, and persons will find my place a pleasant resort, where to while away an hour and enjoy a glass of beer.

Orders in the city or from the country promptly filled and goods delivered without delay.

Thankful for past favors, I ask a fair share of patronage in the future.

Announcement

Editor Madisonian:—Please announce the name of Amos Purdum as a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction subject to the section of the Republican Convention of Madison County.

D.J. Welch, of Missoula, while returning from Deer Lodge, on last Saturday night, about 10 o'clock, met with a severe accident, resulting in bruising him up, and demolishing the sulky he was riding in. The cause was the whooping of a drunken Indian frightening the horse he was driving.

Rev. Hugh Duncan, the minister who has labored so long and faithfully in the interests of religion in Montana, continues to promptly fill his preaching appointments in the two West Side

Counties and is doing effective work.

Mill Lottie Sloss, who formerly taught school in Bannack and Helena, died recently in Illinois. A brother of the deceased no resides in Bannack

June 20, 1874

William Thompson, the champion saw mill man of Montana, is putting up a new mill on Willow Creek, in the Bryant Mining District, where lumber is demanded, as we learn many houses are to be erected and finished during the summer. The machinery for the mill passed through this city last week.

Rochester is now a flourishing camp, and there are now about seventy-five men and ten or fifteen ladies now in the camp, and more people coming in daily. The eating houses, blacksmith shops, and saloons are abundant. Archer, Venable & Huber are building an elegant billiard hall.

Burgess and Graham, of Rochester, brought up about sixty ounces of gold retort, from the Whit Tennant Mill. The boys say it was only a small sample to see how it would sell in this market.

Married

Blair-Ferster – At the residence of the bride's father, in Bannack, Montana, on June 16th 1874, by Rev. Mr. Taylor, Mr. W.G. Blair to Miss Emma Ferster

Born

Boatman – In Stinkingwater Valley, on the 13th inst., to the wife of George Boatman, a daughter.

June 27, 1874

Bannack Brevities

Joe Larwill, assayer and quartz buyer has been sick with fiver, but is convalescent and walking the streets again.

Merry & Co.'s arastra, just above Bannack is in full blast and is grinding away on rock from the St. Paul, which is paying better than ever before.

Carhart & Co. are making a run on 200 tons of rock taken from Dakota No. 7. The quartz pays about %65 per ton, and their dump pile will probably yield about \$13,000. They are crushing by water power, in the big white mill above Marysville.

Mr. J. Poitras, an old citizen of Virginia City, but now a resident of Bannack, has been very low for the last two or three weeks, with the mountain fever, but he is on his pins again.

Horseback riding is all the go in Bannack. Every evening the ladies and gentlemen turn out exhibiting some very fine horsemanship of the dashing kind.

Dr. Bishop's "Gem" is the resort of all males addicted to a moderate imbibing of superior cocktails, dealt out and mixed up by an old hand at the "bizz."

The placer mines in and around Bannack and up at Bald Mountain are paying well. The miners are mashing it with their usual energy, and the yield of the precious will be fully up to former years.

Otis – Bannack's old and most popular merchant – deals with the boys in the selling of grub and

supplies with the same Puritanism conscientiousness for which he is famed throughout Beaverhead County. He uses no water now, except when he sells fluid to Chinamen, and in that case is admissible.

Peck Bros., at the "Bank Exchange" received twenty barrels of choice ale a few days since. They have also received a large invoice of choice liquors and cigars. The "Bannack Infant" presides at this model saloon, and wit, wisdom and sarcasm are sold with two bit drinks.

The Wadams Lode, owned by Phil Shenon & Co., presents a fine appearance, with a body of ore in sight that measures about thirty feet in width, and which is paying kind. This lode is worked under the foremanship of Mr. Jimmy Hopper, whose practical and thorough knowledge of mining is displayed to great advantage in the successful working of this mine.

Kinney & Graeter have opened up the largest and best selected stock of general merchandise that has ever been brought to Bannack or Southwestern Montana. Such as prints, muslins, gents' furnishing goods, ready-made clothing and women's goods of all kinds. They also have the finest stock of liquors ever brought into the Territory. "Old Bourbon" that is oily is on hand.

The Oliver Post Office having been discontinued, all letters and mail matters for that section should be sent to the Darling Post Office, Beaverhead County.

Personals

John Mahan and tom McGarry, from Pioneer, were visiting their

old home and friends during the past week and "run" things in a moderate manner while they were with us. Come again, when convenient and the moon is right.

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 ESTABLISHED IN 1864.
JOHN SPIKER
 PROPRIETOR,
 Wallace Street, Virginia City,
 (At John Mannheim's old stand)

HAVING purchased the entire stock and fixtures of Mr. John Mannheim, I will continue the Bakery and Confectionery business at his old stand, where I shall be happy to see all my friends, old and new.

Families & bachelors will find it to their advantage to go to this popular place for their

BREAD, PIES, CAKES,
AND ALL KINDS OF
Confectioneries.

THE SALOON is always supplied with the best of **WINES, LIQUORS,** and Cigars.

LAGER BEER,

FROM the celebrated Montana Brewery, always on hand, which will be delivered to all parts of the city and country, either in bottles or kegs.

OYSTERS.

FRESH Oysters always on hand in season, and for sale by the can or half can, served up at the saloon, in every style.

Jul 11, 1874

C.W. Turner, Esq., has removed his law office to the Post Office building, upstairs. People, who are fearless enough to engage in the uncertainties of the law in order to right their wrongs, will consult him in his new quarters, as he is a lawyer who has perpetrated his maiden citation years ago.

Go to John Mannheim's for fresh oysters.

Bannack Brevities

The Democratic Convention of Beaverhead County met in Peck's Hall, on the 3rd and nominated a

full ticker, which will be found in another column.

Carhart & Co. cleaned up last week, as a result of a ten day run in their mill and the rock from Dakota No. 4, one hundred and forty-six ounces of gold retort, worth about \$10 per ounce in currency.

An arrest has been made of a man, on the complaint of a married woman, who charges him with having committed rape upon her. The man will have a preliminary examination before the Probate Judge. We suppress names until the matter is legally investigated, and besides the woman's affidavit is a little queer, as it alleges the commission of several rapes at different times.

New Post Offices Established in Montana and Changes Made

Postmaster General Cresswell, on the 22nd of June, established the following Post Offices, in this Territory, and appointed their postmasters. Dry Creek, Gallatin County, Thos. B. Mulvaney; Burnt Pine, Beaverhead County, Daniel R. Parker; Carroll, Dawson County, George Clendinin, Jr. Thos. Grey has been appointed postmaster of French Hill, Lewis and Clark County, in place of John Foster, resigned. On the 15th ult. Anderson Baker was appointed postmaster of Etna, in Missoula County, in place of C.H. Flanagan.

July 18, 1874

Mr. Noah Armstrong, from Bryant District, was in the city during the week. He reports activity in the mines of that section, and the mines looking well; also that work on the

sampling works of Armstrong & Dahler is progressing.

W.H. Archer, merchant at Rochester, was in the city during the week. Mr. A. is an accommodating merchant.

Hot Springs

Hot Springs, Upper Stinkingwater, July 16, 1874

Editor Madisonian;

There are many persons, both in Virginia, and the neighborhood, who are ignorant of the pleasant, healthful retreat in the valley to the Upper Stinkingwater. The baths are admitted to be superior to any in the Territory; and the accommodations, both at the hotel kept by Mr. Willis and the cleanliness, order, and comfort at the springs, are really admirable. Anyone wishing to spend a pleasant week ought to go there. The road is good, the scenery charming. In many places the valley narrow till the river seems to run between lofty walls, tinted in every color, from blazing crimson to golden yellow, then widens into spreading meadow lands with the river winding onward till lost in the distant hills.

The bath itself is some forty feet square, kept continually clean by constant overflow. It is surrounded by a wall twelve feet high, with dressing rooms on one side fitted with every essential for the toilet. It is divided by a platform into various depths so that the bather can swim or not as he pleases.

There are ranches all along the road and persons can board either at the hotel near the baths, or at the neighboring farm houses. Reasonable charges, everywhere.

Fire

The saw mill of Mr. William Thompson of this city, situated on Sailor gulch, was entirely consumed by fire on Monday night of this week. This is the second time Mr. Thompson has suffered the loss of his mill by fire within the past two years. The loss is a severe one; but Mr. Thompson, undaunted by the calamity, has gone to work with his accustomed energy to rebuild it. He says he will have it running in two or three weeks at most. The loss, including about 20,000 feet of lumber and two wagons, which were burned, is estimated at \$12,000. The fire originated from sparks from the smokestack of the engine. The wind was blowing a gale at the time the fire occurred. The mill and everything connect with it burned.

Born

ELLING – At Virginia City, on the 14th inst., to the wife of Henry Elling, a son.

July 25, 1874

Bannack Brevities

Joe Larwill and Amede Bessette have gone to Salt Lake to sell quartz that they have already shipped.

The placer diggings in and around Bannack are yielding a tally up to their average. At Bald Mountain there is a scarcity of water, which retards the working of claims.

Maginnis spoke in Bannack to a crowded house. The way he gave it to "Old Bruce" was a caution to evil doors. He was hell received here and will carry Beaverhead County by a large majority.

Kinney and Grater have the biggest stock over displayed in this section of Montana, and are selling at wholesale and retail, supplying the people at greatly reduced rates.

Con Bray and the Diamond "P" Company are shipping large quantities of ore, from the Blue Wing District of a rich grade, taken mostly from the Delmonte lode.

The mashing and grinding of quartz is being pushed to the full capacity of all the mills and arastras. Phil Shenon & Co., Carhart & Co., and Wm Merry are doing well and their clean-ups are highly satisfactory.

The man who was arrested on a charge of committing a rape on a married woman had a preliminary examination before the probate Judge, and was bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury at the next term of the District Court.

Aug. 1, 1874

Personals

J.A. Nay, who had his eye sight destroyed by a premature explosion of a blast some five years since, is going to Sterling to place himself under the care of Dr. Schmalhausen, with hopes of regaining sight in one of his eyes. It is thought to be irredeemably lost.

Rev. Hugh Duncan was visiting his many friends in this city on Thursday. Mr. Duncan says that in Missoula County the prospects for a large crop of wheat, oats and buck wheat was never better – that in the lower Deer Lodge Valley the crops will be fair, but the upper portion of the Valley has been

visited by the grasshoppers and hardly anything is left.

Messrs. W.H. Archer, Whit Tennant, and Jack Prettyman, were up from Rochester during the week. They report lively times in their camp.

Miss Maggie Callahan, of Rochester, and Miss Frankie Gorham, of Sun River, are in the city visiting friends.

Bannack Brevities

Times are so-so. The busiest man in town is "Peter Pitch,"

Chinamen have about deserted this camp and gone to other parts.

"Grandma" Hedges was in Bannack the other night. "Grandma" made votes for Maginnis.

William Peck left yesterday for Salt Lake to sell quartz that he shipped some time since. He will visit the States before returning to Bannack.

Major Kinney, of the firm of Kinney & Graeter, has gone to San Francisco to purchase an additional stock of goods.

The cutting of hay on the Grasshopper above town and on Horse Prairie is going on. There is about one quarter of a crop this year.

Pond, Haskell & Co., has leased the Carhart mill, and intend running through three hundred tons of quartz from the Bannack Lode. The quartz prospects well and will pay well.

The man who was held on bail for committing a series of rapes on a married woman has forfeited his bail and has been lodged at the "Hotel de Metlin" – i.e., the county jail, where he will await the action of the Grand Jury.

On or about the 13th of July, a stabbing took place on Horse Prairie, at Romain's Ranch, about twelve miles from Bannack. John Romain stabbed a man named Plummer four times – one wound is liable to prove fatal. The quarrel commenced about horse racing. Plummer had a head on Romain and then followed him in the house to pound him further when Romain stabbed him.

Closed

After today the Photograph Gallery of Mr. O.C. Bundy will be closed until further notice. That gentleman and his estimable lady will start immediately on their accustomed visits to the different camps of the Territory. They will stop first at Sheridan for a few days, next at Gaffney, thence to Silver Star, Rochester, and so on. The people have become so well acquainted with Mr. Bundy, and the excellence of his pictures, that further commendation than to say he will be with them would be needless.

A Card To The Voters Of Madison County.

Having been placed on the Republican Ticket by the Republican Central Committee, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the declination of Mr. Sedman as Representative, I hereby acknowledge the honor conferred, but cannot under present circumstances, make a canvass of the County to call upon my fellow citizens. In consequence of rebuilding my saw mill – which was recently burned – I cannot take an active part in the campaign. Relying on the discriminating intelligence of the

voters of Madison County to determine for themselves their political preferences, I will cheerfully submit to their decision and, it elected to the important position, will endeavor to faithfully perform the duties of Representative in a manner acceptable to the people of Madison County.

Wm. Thompson

Accounts from the Bryant and Vipond Districts State that there is being considerable quantities of ore purchased and shipped. Most of the ore sells at 40 or 50 per cent of the assay value on the dump pile.

Aug. 8, 1874

Destruction of Mannheim's Brewery by Fire.

Last Thursday morning about half past four o'clock the Montana Brewery, owned and operated by Mr. John Mannheim was discovered to be on fire, and the alarm was sounded, bringing a crowd promptly to the scene of conflagration. The fire had got so completely under headway before its discovery that it was impossible to extinguish it and the Brewery building was speedily consumed. The adjoining building, which was used for a saloon and shooting gallery, was pulled down and dragged away to prevent burning. A portion of the destroyed property was used by Mr. Mannheim as a residence, from which most of the household furniture was safely removed. It is supposed that the fire originated from sparks from the chimney of a furnace used for malt drying. All the malt and beer in the cellar was

saved without being damaged much, and the loss sustained will foot up \$2,000. Mr. Mannheim informs us that he will commence the rebuilding of the Brewery immediately and that he will be supplying his customers in a couple of weeks. This is the first visitation of fire we have had in several years, and we hope that a like disaster may not come again upon our city and citizens

The only thing particularly amusing at the burning of the Brewery, the other morning, was a full grown man rushing around furiously dressed in his shirt tail without any drawers on. The heat from the burning building brought the man to a consciousness of his naked condition and he retreated to a cow shed, where he was provided with proper garments.

John Mannheim's loss by the destruction of his brewery, saloon and residence, places him in a position where every dollar due him is needed. The payment of debts under ordinary circumstances is to be commended, and now as John needs money to rebuild and start business again, he asks all who may be indebted to come forward and pay him, thereby helping him in his hour of need.

Aug. 15, 1874

Notes From the Vipond and Bryant Mining Districts.

An occasional correspondent at the Vipond and Bryant Districts in Beaverhead County furnishes us with items on mining matters. Vipond District has been aroused and the rich lodes are being

worked more profitably than ever before.

A.M. Esler, is in Vipond, acting as an agent of a company, and is buying up and shipping ores. He pays a much bigger per cent on the assay value than the miners can realize by shipping it themselves, and they are disposing of all the ores they can take out.

Dewey, Brubaker & Co., it is generally conceded, have "the cream of the hill," and are employing men on their different lodes.

Spurr, Celles & Co., who have spent years in tolling and prospecting going it on beef straight for many weeks at a time, are not reaping their reward. They have many tons of ore on their dump, most of which is shipping ore.

Capt. N.S. Turner is in the camp acquainting him with the ores of the camp and will be able to reduce them successfully by his process, as soon as the necessary machinery can be erected.

The Beck and Patten are high minded men as evidenced by the fact that they occupy a position 10,000 feet above the level of the sea, where they are preparing ore for shipment from the Mammoth and Jocko lodes.

Other parties are busily engaged in preparing ore for shipment in different parts of the Vipond District.

Wunderlich's train arrived last week loaded with groceries and miners supplies, which he will sell to the boys at prices to suit the times. Charley is happy and satisfying everybody with his way of doing business.

In the Bryant District extensive preparations are being made for

the shipment of ore. The Trapper Company has contracted to prepare immediately for shipment, three hundred tons from the Trapper Lode. The prospects in the Bryant District are hotter than ever, and the taking out of ore for shipment will be conducted in a more vigorous manner than heretofore.

Jasper Wright and G.W. Pope have sold their interest in their placer mining claims in Alder Gulch, located between Virginia City and Nevada, to Lee McCauley and Hauser. The price paid and terms of the sale are private, but the sellers have probably realized a handsome figure, as the mining property is regarded as some of the best in the Gulch.

Aug. 22, 1874

Joe C. Metlin, the popular Sheriff of Beaverhead County, accompanied by his wife, was visiting the city during the week. Although belonging to the other side in politics, Joe's white for a Black Republican, and has been elected to offices of trust in a Democratic county.

The wagon road leading into the Bryant District in Beaverhead County is finished and teaming is now done over it. The road commences at Armstrong & Co.'s Sampling Works, on Trapper Creek, five miles up from the Big Hole River, and is well graded the entire length. The miners and claim owners of Bryant District built the road, receiving \$250 from Beaverhead County to help in defraying the expense.

William Thompson didn't get elected as a Representative to the Legislature from Madison County. The principal cause of Mr. Thompson's defeat was because he didn't get enough votes. He run well, considering Mr. Thompson has re-built his saw mill and commenced cutting lumber and parties in want of lumber can get it at his mill, on Sailor's Gulch. Mr. T. can't run for office successfully, but we challenge Montana Territory to produce a better saw mill man.

Montana Mélange.

The machinery of Armstrong & Co.'s sampling and concentrating works at Glendale, is about finished. As soon as these works are in running order they will construct a reduction works with a capacity of reducing 100 tons of ore every twenty-four hours.

The mines at Red Mountain have paid over wages this season. There are about thirty men there, which prove that the diggings are not yet exhausted.

W.A. Clark, of the First National Bank, of Deer Lodge, has recently purchased 12,000 pounds of wool, which he proposes shipping to the Boston market.

DIED

Foster – In this city, on August 17, 1874, Nettie H., wife of A.H. Foster, aged 38 years. – Brookville, Penn.

Sept. 5, 1874

Bryant District Items

From Hon. Wash Stapleton we learn that the Bryant District is becoming one of the most active camps in the Territory, and that the

silver ores and quartz are assaying and yielding fully up to the expectations of the owners and discoverers.

The Trapper Company are raising from a shaft, without drifting or stoping, from four to five tones of first class ore daily, and it assays over \$400 to the ton. They work ten men. They sack their ore and sell it to the First National Bank of Helena.

The True Fissure Company – composed of Mead, Bessette, Larwill, Sturgis and Mulligan – are constructing a railroad track for the purpose of delivering their ore at the foot of White Lion Mountain, where wagons can load it. They own three lodes, all showing an abundance of first class ore, rich in silver, lead and copper. They have an amount estimated at 1,000 tons now in sight.

Armstrong & Co. have some 400 tons of ore now out which are being hauled in wagons to the crushing and sampling works of Dahler, Armstrong & Co. These works are now in operation.

Wash Stapleton is working the Mark Anthony and Keokuk lodes. They are yielding plenty of ore of a shipping quality. He has just loaded 20 tons for Freiberg, Germany, which will be sent by way of Corrine and New York. The Keokuk lode can be traced for a distance of 2,000 feet and is opened at different points of all this distance, showing high grade of ore. It is a compact vein, running between dolomite and quartzite.

From R.C. Miller, just in from Bryant, we learn that there is considerable building going on. Two new saloons are being erected, and a butcher shop, and

there is a hotel in operation. Never has a new district opened with such flattering prospects of wealth and permanency. The new wagon road from Browne's Bridge, at a cost of \$3,000, enables the miners to send out thousands of tons of rich ore.

MARRIED

Archer-Gorham. – At Rochester, Montana, on August 30th, 1874, by R. Richmond, Esq., Mr. William H. Archer to Miss Sarah Francis Gorham, daughter of Hon. Thomas L. Gorham.

A large mule train from Deer Lodge is at the Vipond District where it will load with silver ore for the railroad for shipment on to a reduction works.

Sep. 12, 1874

Bannack Items

Our Bannack correspondent furnishes us with the following Bannack items;

Kinney and Graeter's train of twenty-five wagons is expected daily.

John Romig, who had his leg broken a short time ago, is getting along well.

Con Bray & Co. is working the Delmonte Lode, in the Blue Wing District, taking out rich ore.

Wm. Peck has just returned from a visit to his old home in Minneapolis, Minn. He went to see the old folks at home.

The School Directors at Bannack District have purchased a lot and will erect a schoolhouse 22X42 feet thereon. The upper story will be occupied by the Masonic fraternity.

Sep. 19, 1874

Bannack Brevities

Wm. Roe, successor to Isaac Roe, conducts the banking business at the old place, and has done considerable buying of dust and bullion this summer.

Tom Cleveland's bull train passed through Bannack the other day, from the Bryant District, loaded with ore from Wash Stapleton's lodes, bound for the railroad.

A new discovery of silver quartz has just been made. The district is located about twelve miles from Bannack. Two of the lodes, the Caroline and Storm, are highly spoken of and the ore prospects well.

John Carhart is running his 20 stamp mill on quarts from the Bannack lode. John hasn't seen his ma for twenty-four years, and he is feeding his mill, intending to visit his old home during the coming winter.

Dr. C.L. Bishop has been successfully practicing the science of extracting toothaches during the summer. Dr. Bishop goes east this fall to encourage his knowledge of dentistry, by attending a Dental College.

Dr. Walter C. Hopkins, a cashier of the mercantile house of Kinney & Graeter, is an old Bannackite, one who has spend a fortune in trying to develop quartz. The Dr. holds out in the faith that quartz will make him even in time.

The Goodrich House still keeps on the reputation it has established for being about the best regulated hotel in Montana. Mrs. Goodrich knows how to set a table with the best in the market, and the house

always presents a clean and neat appearance.

Squire Jim Harby sells beer to the boys at his saloon and brewery, at the upper end of town, and is ever ready to narrate how Henry Plummer was hung, and the incidents that happened when vigilantes ruled and enforced common law in a common way.

George Dart supplies stoves and tin ware to the people of a large scope of country. He remains a bachelor, with no one to caress, solely on the account of a scarcity of females.

Major Watson may always be found at his shop. The Major is a pioneer blacksmith of Montana, having opened a shop in Bannack in 1862. Major Watson has represented his county and district in the legislature and is one who has stood by Bannack from the beginning.

Fred Peck has just received his winter clothing. He has two suits, one common and one extra for Sundays. They came from Boston per chartered express, and were manufacture over a West Indian sugar hogshead of the biggest size. Mr. Peck announces that he will continue to be sociable with poop people, both poor in flesh and finances.

C.O. Trask & Sons have a large stock of merchandise, embracing dry goods, gents' clothing, groceries and miners' supplies, on hand. They have their own freight trains. Trask, Senior, is one of the early pioneers of Montana, besides passing for a remarkably handsome man, Their double column advertisement appears in another part of today's paper, which shows that they are bound to let the public know that they are in

the field with a stock large enough to supply the wants of all.

Montana Mélange

Johnny Mahan, formerly of Virginia City and lately of Pioneer, will take possession of Hale's corner, in Helena, as soon as the building is completed.

Dissolution Notice

The co-partnership heretofore existing between Horace Taylor and Z.E. Thomas, under the firm name and style of Taylor & Thomas, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due to the firm are now due to Z.E. Thomas, who is authorized to collect and receipt for the same.

Horace Taylor

Z.E. Thomas

New London City, M.T. Sep 17

Sep. 26, 1874

Accidental Killing of James McCord

From A.E. Wilbur, acting Justice of the Peace, we learn the particulars of the accidental killing of James McCord. On the 13th inst. John Trainor, A. Marceau, and James McCord, started from Gold Hill, about three miles southwest of Highlands to go over into Soap Gulch, to look for a quartz lode. On their way back home they passed down Chicken Gulch, following a dim trail. Marceau got off the trail, just ahead of McCord, and in jumping back the hammer of his shotgun caught a bush pulling it back far enough to discharge the gun, the load, without scattering, entering the right breast of McCord, who was a few feet behind, and making

a mortal wound. McCord was taken to the house of Sol Jennings, on Moose Creek, where he died about 8 o'clock the same evening. The dying declaration of McCord was that the shooting was accidental, and that Marceau was his friend. The body of McCord was taken to Deer Lodge City and buried. A Coroner's jury rendered the following verdict:

Territory of Montana

County of Deer Lodge

We, the undersigned, jurors, being duly sworn, render verdict that the deceased James McCord, came to his death on the 13th day of Sept., 1874, by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of A. Marceau.

J. E. Dickey, Foreman

J.F. Saville

Jos. McCreary

Alex C. Lux

Robert Forrest

Work on the various lodes in the Vipond District, Beaverhead County, has commenced with vigor, much ore is being taken out and quartz operations are looking more prosperous all around.

Oct. 3, 1874

George Dart and Frank Sears, of Bannack, passed through the Capitol, yesterday, en route for Bozeman, to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Montana. They are both of the Republican kind, but patronize a live Democratic paper on general principles, and because they like it.

Montana Mélange

The four companies engaged in taking out silver ore in the Vipond District are; Brown & Co., John

Brannagan & Co., Dewey & Brubaker and William Spurr & Co. Several of the companies will take out ore the coming winter.

Residents of Red Mountain City, in Highland Gulch, have been visited by three Assessors, one from each of the counties of Jefferson, Madison and Deer Lodge. There is a conflict as to which one of the counties the town belongs.

Last week near Canyon Ferry, M. Dodson was shot in the groin by John Toombs. They had a dispute about some cattle. Toombs was removed to Diamond City, to receive medical aid and Dodson was not arrested at last accounts.

Wash Stapleton & Co., Armstrong & Co., Trapper Company, McConnell and Stephens, Gaffney & Co., and Gill & Co. are the only companies taking out quartz at present in the Bryant District in Beaverhead County. There are about seventy miners working in the district.

Oct. 10, 1874

A man named Aldo Harry Ashbury was found dead on the 27th of September in the road leading to the Sampling Works of Armstrong & Dahler, in Beaverhead County. He was driving a wagon heavily loaded with quartz, and the supposition is that he slipped off backwards while attempting to apply the brake – the wheels passing over his head, crushing in the temple, which must have produced instant death. He was in the employ of Armstrong & Dahler at the time. Deceased was a single man aged about twenty-five years. We learn that his parents reside in

Washington, Franklin County, Ohio.

Montana Mélange

The last Corrine Mail says, “The four double decked ten mule outfit of Berryman & Rogers had just arrived. The ore goes from \$500 to \$700 per ton, and is from the Trapper Lode, in the Bryant District.

The Corrine Mail says that five hundred tons of ore from the silver mines in Montana Territory will reach the railroad within a short time. Some goes to San Francisco and the balance to Eastern mills.

The Historical Society of Montana was incorporated by an act of the Legislative Assembly, passed in 1865. To this Society has been confided the trust of accumulating information illustrative of the early history and progress of the region of country embraced in what is now Montana. In the discharge of the trust the Society has sought to gather such information as books would afford, and to acquire from the adventurers and early pioneers whatever incidents of interest their memories had preserved. The Society has issued a circular inviting and asking contributions of a character calculated to advance the objects for which it was founded. Our people should aid the officers of the Society and contribute everything to preserve the history of the Territory. The officers of the Society for 1874 are – W.F. Sanders, President, Helena; C.S. Bagg, Vice-President, Deer Lodge City; Granville Stuart, Corresponding Secretary, Deer Lodge City; Cornelius Hedges, Recording Secretary, Helena; Sam

T. Hauser, Treasurer, Helena; W.E. Cullen, Librarian, Helena. Anything sent to the address of the officers named will find a place among the collections of the Historical Society of Montana.

The Corrine Mail, of the 7th says, “Berryman & Rodgers, with 50,000 pounds of freight for Virginia City, left yesterday. L.F. Wright with 18,000 pounds for Wm. Douglas, Virginia City, left yesterday. Lonis and Remis Daucreau’s outfit, consisting of eight double-deck teams, depart for the northern country this afternoon. They came down with ore from the Trapper mine a few days since.”

From Rochester to Bryant – At the Sampling Works – A Mountain Fair – A Sensation – Bryant – The Mines

Bryant, M.T., Oct. 9, 1874
To the Editor of the Madisonian;

Thinking that a few items from this section might be of interest to your readers, particularly those who have visited the Bryant mines, I give you the following from my notebook, which I dotted down on my way over from Rochester to this place.

Leaving Rochester at nine o’clock in the morning, we arrived at Camp Creek about noon. We found Mrs. Fleser doing the honors at the Camp Creek House, in her unapproachable style. As a landlady she is a success. Were I from Missouri, I should say the dinner she sat me down to that day, was a “right smart chance” of a one. Had I never studied grammar I should say, emphatically, “It was a little the squarest dinner I had thrown myself on the outside of

since I was 'booted' from the maternal foot." The coffee was exhilarating, the trout were delicious, the hot cream biscuit as good as "mother used to make," and then there were green corn and peas, pies, cake, pudding, and fruits, in profusion, which found a lodging place in my appetite to an extent that brought vividly to my mind the stories I had read in my youth of gormandizers. We left Camp Creek at 2 p.m., and took the trail for Bryant, fording the Big Hole River and following up Willow Creek seven miles, arrived at the Sampling Works of Messers. Armstrong & Dahler. A large force of men is employed about the works. All are busy. Some receiving, some sampling, others sacking and shipping ores from the Bryant mines. Work is carried out here with clockwork regularity, and the completion of this enterprise is a step far in advance of any other yet inaugurated in Montana for the development of the quartz interests of the Territory.

Again in the saddle with nine miles up hill to Bryant – right here I wish to offer as a wager a quartz lode – open to all- that this is the longest nine miles in Montana. We reached Bryant a little after dark, found the hotel without much trouble; got supper and had our horses fed. To our inquiry if we could get beds, the landlord, Mr. Gill, replied that, he could give us "mountain fare." Heretofore, I have not been over partial to the "Mountain Fair," if she be what Mr. Gill trotted out, excuse me. I don't admire her makeup. It is too bare for comfort in high altitudes. The soft side of a pine puncheon with only a thread bard single

blanket spread over it affords poor comfort to a lean person like me.

Bryant has had a sensation. Last Sunday the better half of Mr. Gill walked out of the Gill mansion and took up her adobe with an honest neighboring miner, who lives about twenty paces from the aforesaid Gill mansion. The forsaken husband looks on complacently, as much as to say, "Go, old gal. I don't care." The wife smiles an affectionate smile on her new found miner teller, who reckons himself to Henry Ward of the camp. Take it. I pass.

The next morning I got out and took a look at the town. It contains about twenty buildings, including two stores, five saloons, the hotel and feed stable. There are about eighty men and four families here. The town site is rather a pretty plateau at the foot of high mountains. There will be a more than average mountain town built here within the next two or three years, at least such is my prediction from a hurried glance at the surroundings.

Down in the Trapper Mine, one sees nothing but quartz. The shaft is 12X15 feet wide and 65 feet deep. Mr. Brannagan, foreman of the Trapper, informed me that there were three other lodes in the district which looked equally well with the Trapper. I do not recall the names of these lodes now, but will give them to you at some future time. The Trapper Company has hundreds of tons of ore in sight. It is a question to be yet proven, whether they have a permanent mine or not; but this much is certain, the Bryant miners have enough quartz in sight to last them for five years, at least. I am satisfied that Bryant is destined to

be one of the best silver producing camps in the Territory. Nearly all the quarts I have examined is of very high grade, and with proper machinery for the reduction, the quartz product of the district would be simply enormous. I learned that a number of parties contemplate the erection of a reduction works here another season. I know of no more promising field for the investment of capital, and hope that parties will prosecute their intentions.

Grapevine.

Montana Mélange

It is now stated that the number of stamps in operation in Montana is 147, distributed as follows: 25 in Lewis and Clark, 41 in Jefferson, 6 in Meagher, 60 in Madison, and 15 in Beaverhead. This leaves out Deer Lodge.

Sam Hartzel, well known as the proprietor of the Antelope Springs, on the road between Helena and Bozeman, is building a good sized hotel near the crossing of the Prickly Pear.

Rochester

This camp is one of the liveliest we have visited on our trip. There is an immense amount of quartz being taken out, and the two quartz mills are kept constantly running. Money is plenty and business is brisk. There are two hotels in the town. One is kept by Mr. A.J. Fort, formerly of Twin Bridges, the other by Mr. Meacham, late of Silver Star. We put up at the Fort House, where we received the best of accommodations. Good meals and a comfortable bed is what a hungry, tired wayfaring man looks for when he puts up at a hotel. We found all this with a fine host, Fort.

We are informed that Mr. Meacham keeps and equally good house. We could not test the quality of both during such a brief visit. Jo Falkner did the honors for our motive power in a manner that was highly satisfactory. Jo knows how to take care of a horse. He has plenty of hay and grain on hand, and isn't afraid to put them within reach of a hungry horse.

W.H. Archer & Co. is the principal merchants of the town. They are driving a lively trade.

We always like to meet an old friend, particularly such a one as Joe Venable. Joe is doing business here. He is an old miner himself, and consequently knows just what the miner boys need in the way of supplies. He keeps these things on hand, and the boys all buy of him. Joe, may your shadow never grow less.

Quartz in this vicinity is looking well, and improving as greater depths are attained. Among the many miners having promising prospects ahead of them, we are pleased to find our old friend, George Blackman, in the front rank, who has several tons of first class rock on the dump, and more of the same in sight. George is one of the kind that when they start in after anything they stick to it. This is the only way to test quartz lodes.

Mr. Laurin, at Twin Bridges, has a good assortment of staple merchandise on hand which he disposes at a living profit.

The Gaffney Hotel at Gaffney, is now engineered by J.M. Page, Madison County Surveyor. Jim knows the ramifications of surveyor's tools by heart, and can run a base line or a hotel to a scratch. When you pass his way, of course you will stop with Jim.

Oct. 24, 1874

Bannack Items

An occasional Bannack correspondent sends us some Bannack items from which we extract the following;

"We have had quite an exciting week for our usually quiet town. The October term of the District Court has been in session.

Judge Servis, of the fifth Judicial District, presided in the absence of Judge Knowles. The legal profession was represented by Sanders and Toole, of Helena, Mayhew, of Deer Lodge, Spratt and Callaway, of Virginia City, Stapleton and Mead, of our own town. We missed one attorney who generally puts in an appearance – Sam Word failed to attend the term.

The medical profession was represented by Doctors Glick, Smith and Leavitt. They were witnesses to the Ryan-Salisbury case – and summoned as obstetric experts.

Salisbury, Corbin and other eight horse drivers were in attendance.

The absorbing trial was the Ryan case, and after the testimony was given there was not a man in court who wasn't fully posted on obstetrics. We all learned much. Smith says that when Glick and Leavitt have a little more practice they will know something. The jury had short labor pains and born a verdict onto Salisbury.

At this term of the court it was decided what constitutes possession of property, according to Dave Alderdice's testimony. Sanders asked Dave the question, "What is peaceable possession of property." Dave answered, "Well,

squire, when the other felled moved out and I moved in and took over."

There was no Gran Jury called. The man, who was bound over in \$2,000 for committing a rape, was discharged by the court. He was indignant. He wanted a chance to prove that he didn't do it.

Judge Servis won the confidence of all for the manner in which he conducted his court, the promptness of his decisions and the impartiality of his rulings.

On the evening of the 17th, we had a big dance at Peck's Hall. Joe says that Frank must either hold the baby or play the fiddle. He can't do both.

Mining is progressing finely. The mills and arastras are smashing and grinding good paying quartz, and our little town of Bannack is quiet and happy."

An article in the Northwest says that a little more than a year ago, a party of prospectors exploring the great mountains of the Big Hole River between Highland and Argenta, found at the head of Willow Creek, 15 miles from Stone's Rand and 17 miles from Darling, on the very summit of the mountains, some croppings of very rich quartz, which has since developed as the Trapper lode, an enormous deposit of silver bearing ore in limestone, believed to be one of the best properties in Montana. It is in a natural basin, about three miles in diameter around which rise bald limestone bluffs 299 feet high, enclosing and sheltering a well timbered area down through which courses Willow Creek, emptying into the Big Hole. Within this basin there have now been recorded

thirty-four lodes, all outcropping but one, and on quite a number of them work is being energetically prosecuted. A month ago there was but one building in the vicinity; now there are erected near the middle of the basin, on a street 100 feet wide, through which the creek flows, eleven substantial hewed log buildings, and more are in the course of construction. To it has recently been given the name of "Trapper City," and in and about it are 100 busy men of whom some forty are taking our quartz. The owners of lodes are well satisfied with their property, while outsiders who visit the camp form the very best opinion of the richness and amount of quartz, some asserting it to be unquestionably the best quartz camp in Montana. Messrs. Bryant, DeLarimer, McCreery, Sanborn & Co., who own the Trapper lode are now down about seventy feet, have only one wall rock yet, and are taking our splendid ore. The First National Bank, Helena, bought 100 tons of ore and shipped it to Freiberg (*Germany*), and recently contracted for seventy-five more which they are now taking out. The assay value we have not heard, but it is worth several hundred dollars per ton. The Trapper Company will run a tunnel this winter. Dennis Driscoll, Robert McConnell, Sod Jennings, Ed Stevens, Perry Hadden and Mr. Hayes, own the Elm Orlu lode, sold four tons recently for \$1,180 delivered nine miles from the dump. Thos. How, Ed Stevens, and Mr. Gill are down 12 feet on the Franklin lode, and get no ore assaying less than \$75 and up to \$1,700, having five feet of \$75 ore. John Milligan & Co. is at work on

their lode, while Mr. Gaffney, who has several lodes, is prospecting them with the project in view of erecting a mill. Armstrong & Dahler, own the Cleve and other lodes and are doing work. In all there are six companies actively at work. It is believed other and richer lodes will yet be found in the camp. Trapper city now has two stores, one kept by Thos. Low and one by Bisonette Bros., three billiard halls and saloons, by A.M. Morrison, Jake Fetterman, and McLain, and a hotel and livery stable kept by Mr. Gill. There is an excellent graded road built from Stones' ranch into Trapper City, and nine miles from Trapper City, Armstrong & Dahler have their Sampling Works in full operation, and are engaged in putting up concentrating works which will be completed shortly, and by which they can make available for profitable shipment the poorest ores yet found in the camp. There are purchasing and advancing on ores for shipment and everybody in the camp seems to have money and happiness. Wages are \$3 per day or \$80 per month. Notwithstanding the great altitude, the winter is said not to be severe on account of excellent shelter, and probably all the 100 men will winter there this season, and work without interruption. The camp gives great promise of being one of the greatest in Montana or elsewhere.

Rev. Hugh Duncan, of the Missoula circuit, will please accept our thanks for a sack of horse provisions while on our recent raid through his territory. Ministers and newspaper men are kindred spirits, both ever ready to relieve

the needy, and accept contributions. When you come our way, Brother Hugh, you will have the liberty of our oats and our sanctum.

Oct. 31, 1874

Our regular Bannack itemizer furnishes the skeletons for the following news items;

Everything is dull in Bannack in consequence of the snow storm, which makes locals about as scarce as hen's teeth.

Miners and prospectors have been driven in and are congregated about the saloons and stores, toasting their shins to keep their courage up, or engaged in catching "Peter" for whisky and sugar, at two bits a glass.

A terrible accident happened at Lemhi last week. Joe Skelton, a freighter, while attempting to break a yoke of steers, was hooked by one, with the horn catching him under the chin, passing over under the eye, breaking the bones and dislocating the jaw, besides tearing a hole in the wind pipe. Dr. Leavitt was sent for and is now with the unfortunate man, but with hopes of saving him, as he has to be fed by a silver tube introduced through the torn windpipe.

The Bannack Infant has telegraphed from Corrine that he has started his peanut train. He took the precaution to cook his nuts before starting, in order to prevent their destruction from freezing. He will commence delivering as soon as he reaches Montana settlements.

Trask and Son had quite a large train loaded with merchandise arrive the other day.

Phil Shenon's mill and arastra have turned out large chunks of retort lately.

Carhart's mill has closed for the season. It is rumored that Judge Mead is taking lessons in writing, and is adopting the Chinese, as an improvement is his hand write.

Jimmy brown, W.F. & Co.'s Express Messenger, came into Bannack the other evening, a complete walking arsenal. Road agents are requested to be careful.

Moose Creek, heading opposite Highland Gulch, in the Red Mountains, is being prospected by a party of five men. They are vigorously at work and have already put down a number of holes to bed rock. The portion of the Gulch they are sinking in is shallow, it being only eight feet to bed stone. The names of the prospectors are A. Marseau, John Trainor, Allen Hays, McCraig, and another man whose name we have not learned. They have obtained prospects that they think will justify the putting in of a bed rock flume, but as yet nothing that will pay to work any other way.

Personals

Joe Browne, of Browne's Bridge, was in the city yesterday, Friday. He reports a snow storm in the Bryant District.

George Dart, of Bannack, darted into our office evening. I. Poitras, of the same town accompanied him.

Tim Robbins, into a merchant at Corballis, left his creditors minus about \$10,000, with assets of \$2,500, and has gone to join the order of Enoch of Mormondom.

Nov. 14, 1874

Our Bannack banger of brevities furnishes additional data from which we extract the following truths;

"There is considerable stir and inquiry as to who send the Madisonian items.

"Old Wedge" is slightly warm, heated under the collar, and premeditating a suit for damages.

Doctor Hopkins swears he can lick the man who calls him a "handy" minister. He says he was excessively dignified, and that the word "buddy" was purposely used to cast contempt on his efforts

John Sloss, one of the discoverers, just returned from the new Cable District, and reports plenty of rich quartz.

A.F. Wright, Trask & Son and Peck Brothers, are in receipt of merchandise by mule trains from Corrine.

The Bannack Infant's peanut train has reached Montana. He sells his roasted nuts at an advance over his ray ones.

William Peck left last week for Sale Lake City on quartz matters.

Charley Bishop, a carpenter, has gone east to prosecute his studies at a dental institute.

The new School House and Masonic Hall being built by Brown and Ferster and is assuming fair proportions.

Work in the Blue Wing District still on time. Messrs. Peck, Bray, Sears, Smith, Bessette and other quartz sharps expect to have a large amount out ready for shipment early in the spring.

Nov. 21, 1874

James Page, of Gaffney, issues a Thanksgiving Proclamation for a Ball to be given at Gaffney, on

Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th. Jim is a little ahead of the President, but the mode of celebration will be kept up, we are told, until the morning of the 26th is far advanced. See the advertised particulars in another column.

The late heavy snow storms in the Bryant District, in Beaverhead County, have stopped the shipment of ores for this fall, by rendering the road up to the mines impassable for wagons.

Johnny Mahan, formerly of Virginia City, has opened a saloon on the corner of Main and Wood streets, in Helena. In all its appointments, it is a first class saloon, and Johnny Mahan will run it in order.

Bannack Brevities

Our regular Bannack itemizer being prostrated with diphtheria furnishes facts under difficulties. Here's his dottings;

Otis is selling the remnants of his stock at first cost. It is an old dodge of Otis'. The north side ditch is dry, and Otis will water his whisky no more for a space of time.

Mrs. A.J. Smith and family left on the 14th for Council Bluffs, Iowa, the place of her former home. J.H. Larwill accompanied the family to Corrine, going from there to San Francisco.

The Bannack Infant's maiden peanut trip resulted in a financial success. He disposed of his baked, boiled, roasted and raw nuts at good figures. The Infant lost thirty pounds of human flesh on the round trip and he now breathes with the regularity of a busted poise.

Mrs. Smith, before leaving, sold her drug store to S.F. Dunlap, who has taken possession of the stock on hand, and is rearranging it. A new stock will be brought on in the spring. Dr. Leavitt keeps his medicine shop in this drug store.

The notice of the death of the wife of Mr. James Harby, published in the Madisonian, recalls to memory the fact that Mrs. Harby was one of the pioneer women of Montana Territory. Twelve years ago this fall, she arrived in the then unnamed mining camp of Bannack. Since that time, Bannack and Argenta have been her home. In her death, her children have lost a kind mother and her husband an affectionate wife.

GRAND THANKSGIVING BALL
TO BE GIVEN AT
Gaffney, Montana,
ON
Wednesday Evening,
Nov. 25th, 1874.
A GENERAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED,
Music Furnished by Caven's String
Band.
FLOOR MANAGERS:
H. A. PEASE, Virginia City,
W. H. ARCHER, Rochester,
AMOS EASTMAN, Gaffney,
O. M. SWEET, Sheridan,
 The subscriber takes pleasure in announcing to the public generally that he will give a Thanksgiving Ball at his House at Gaffney, Montana, Wednesday evening, November 25th, 1874. No pains will be spared to render the occasion one of the pleasantest to guests. Special care is being taken in the preparation for the supper.
TICKETS, (Including Supper,) \$4 00.
JAMES M. PAGE,
 Gaffney, Montana.

Nov. 28, 1874

We have been in some of the roughest mining camps that have flourished on this continent. When society was as loose as loose could

be, and where hurdy-gurdy girls and trail one were models of feminine modest, purity and chastity. Alder Gulch, in its earlier days, was a tough place for pure Christians to live in, but that was several years ago, and before the power of the Gospel had been preached effectively. Since the advent of ministers, society has changed. Now, the people of this section of Montana conduct themselves much after the manner of the whites of the States. This, we regret to say, is not the case in all localities. There is a new mining camp, situated on the south side of the Big Hole River, and the rich silver ore is not the only rich things that they have in that camp. The altitude of the camp is 8,000 feet above sea level, which makes the air extremely light, and that accounts for the frequent ruptures in married life that transpire there. We have a couple heretofore. They are becoming so common as to be almost an everyday occurrence, and are losing all novelty.

A correspondent sends us the particulars of the last wife leaving, which for calm indifference and deliberate don't-care-a-cuss on the part of the husband is without a parallel in self-divorcing. They had been enjoying matrimonial felicity for a number of years. Four bright little children were the fruit of the union, and they domiciled in a house of a single room when the wife found another affinity. The husband came home and found him with his wife. They were occupying the family bed. The rejected husband was as cool as a cucumber. He sat in a chair all night long, keeping a patient vigil until the dawning of morning.

In the morning, the father kissed the four children, and turning to his wife he bid her a farewell in a steady voice, "Good bye, Mary Ann! Here's another off for California." That husband opened his cabin door and as he trudged through the eighteen inches of fresh snow that covered the one street of the town of Burnt Pine, there was the happiest expression of resigned contentment on the countenance imaginable. This is too true a story. The facts are as stated, and no coloring is attempted. They have no need of judges or laws on divorce up there. They perform the ceremony of separation without the aid of either, and it effectually.

Personals

Noah Armstrong has been in town for several days. He reports Bryant building up rapidly and a considerable amount of work being done in the mines of that district.

W.P. Hamilton, of Twin Bridges, one of Madison County's most substantial ranchers and stockmen, is in town. He and his business partner, Mr. Chas Ladieux, are furnishing the Bryant country with beef. They are both square men and that is the kind the boys prefer to traffic with.

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Bundy got home last evening. They will fit up immediately. We give this advice so that persons intending to have their pictures taken can put themselves in training.

False Alarms Of Fire.

On Wednesday evening, while the wind was blowing a small hurricane up the gulch, a stream of sparks of fire was seen issuing from the chimney of Geo. Todd's

Saloon. Marshal Lowman, without given any alarm, walked quickly into the saloon, closed the damper of the stove, which soon smothered the burning soot. A moment after another flame came up from the Virginia City Hotel. It proved to be another chimney burning out. No harm was done. About half past nine o'clock, the cry of the fire was heard, and the alarm sounded from the Catholic Church bell, and we feared a fire was raging for certain, but it was only another flue burning out. Look at your heating apparatus.

Died

Shineberger – At Shineberger's ranch, in Beaverhead County, on Nov. 14, 1874, of consumption, Harry Shineberger, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., aged 27 years.

The deceased came to Montana in the hopes of being benefitted, but failed in finding relief, and his lungs were too far gone. The funeral was attended at Bannack by the Odd Fellows of that town. Rev. Mr. Riggin preached an affecting and impressive sermon at the burial.

Montana Mélange

Wunderlich and Burdess are putting up smelters at the mouth of Divide Creek – Wunderlich's Station – for the purpose of working ores from the Vipond District.

Dec. 5, 1874

Bannack Brevities

Our Bannack intelligence man sends us, as he is in duty bound to do, his weekly summary of items from the capitol of Beaverhead County, which we doctor to suit

the fastidious tastes of the people inhabiting that portion of this blessed Territory.

“You, of the Madisonian, will exercise caution, and not divulge the name of your correspondent, for if you do your affectionate itemizer might be bodily damaged by irritated individuals.

The Bannack Infant marched up the street, and the marched down again, with a double barreled buck shotgun, at a full cock, in his hands, saying, with an oath, that he could Plummerize any newspaper reporter that had the audacity to invade the sanctity of his private character by stigmatizing him as a common vendor of baked peanuts. After the Infant blew off he relapsed into a state of quiet state.

Otis was mighty mad. He said that his impudence of the newspaper was becoming intolerable, and that unless a muzzle was placed on the free press of the country they would be turned into mere engines of defamation, and that even ministers of the gospel would be liable to the lash of the reporter. But Otis cooled into calmness when we reflected on the pecuniary benefits to be derived from free water.

Judge Mead said it was abominable the way correspondents introduced him to the people. The Judge said all the smart men in the country wrote bad hands, and that as a strong evidence of the popularity of his hand, write with the voters of Beaverhead, it was a matter of pride for him to know he utterly skunked a New England preacher at the late ballot box struggle. Bear in mind that the Judge is the

wheel-horse of Democracy in this section of Montana.

The funeral of Harry Shineberger, a brother of Mr. Jos. Shineberger, was largely attended. It was conducted under the auspices of the Odd Fellow. Rev. Mr. Riggin officiated as chaplain. The funeral sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Riggin was a beautiful tribute to the deceased, and full of sympathy for the sorrowing wife and brother.

There is to be a Masonic Ball, at Peck's hall, on the evening of Thursday, December 24th. The committees are composed of “the leaders of society,” and the ball promises to be a huge success.

Elzie Murray and James Hooper started for the States last week. They will winter in America and return to Montana when the early birds begin to warble bird music.

Considerable profanity is made manifest at the irregularity of the weather by persons prone to indulge in grumbling, but the ingenuity of man has failed, thus far, to invent a machine to that effect, and we'll let the Ruler of the Universe regulate the elements that man cannot control.”

Dec. 12, 1874

Bannack Brevities

Our Bannack information sender sends us a small gathering of items, as usual, from the Capital of Southwestern Montana. The following are his remarks on the last occasion:

All unite in pronouncing your correspondent, a bold, bad man. Notwithstanding the display of passion, the Madisonian is sought after and read by Bannackites with

more interest than any other Territorial sheet.

Dr. Hopkins says it is shameful to be dragging a graduate of an Eastern University into print, simply because he received a classical education at the hands of poor but honest parents. That he is as well qualified to recite a sermon, without the aid of manuscript, as any gospel man in Montana, and he's proud of his distinguished education, having studied for the ministry when its beard was thin, and also from the fact that Judge Knowles admits him to practice in his court whenever inclination stirs him up.

The new School House building is being fast completed. The structure will be a credit to the town and to the builders. The ground floor is intended for a school room and the upper story for a Masonic Temple. The recent bull issued by the Catholic Prelate is not feared much by the brothers here, and they will continue to ride the goat in spite of the allocation of the Pope.

The Bannack Infant blustered a good deal at the last personal. He was full of brag for a while, but after he had rested for a time mollification set in, and he became as tame as a sucking dove. The Infant is such a big mark and so vulnerable that he is afraid to keep his mad up at reporters for fear something derogatory to his reputation should come out.

The invitations for a grand Masonic ball at Peck's Hall, on Dec. 24th, are out. The report circulated that persons coming must provide themselves with feed bags, similar to those used by mules, as started by some cripple who can't dance, in order to keep

people away. The Goodrich House will provide the supper, and the biggest kind of crowd will be provided for.

Otis was huffy. He declares that early piety would prevent him watering his whisky, and further, if he could find out our correspondent, he's laid aside his puritanical scruples, and takes a drink of square whisky with him.

Trask, senior, laughs in his sleeves. He says he escapes the critics because he's the handsomest man in Montana. This doesn't interfere with his keeping a well filled store and running the Argenta saw mill. Since the late States' elections, Trask's shyness is shouting Republicans is noticeable.

Among the cattle kings who have been in Bannack during the past week we notice Barrett, Shineberger, Pierce, Orr, Poindexter and Wood. There were feeding the county treasury.

Treasurer Graves has had many friends call on him lately, in compliance with his request. Taxes and death are among the sure things that come. Grave gravely says that the prompt payment of taxes is "ducks in the soup."

Wm. Peck has just returned from Salt Lake City. He reports very favorable on the sale of the Blue Wing quartz, and is more than confident that the shipments next season will be double what they have been for the past year. This he applies to all Montana quartz. The completion of the railroad from Utah is watched patiently. Two years will see it finished, is the prediction of the knowing ones.

Phil Shenon has made a profitable and successful summer's run in his mills and arastras. The mill machinery is in good shape for next season's operations. No quartz operator in Montana has ever made so good a record has Phil Shenon. He has worked quartz and made money where others have grown poor in doing nothing more than prospecting."

Dec. 19, 1874

From the Bryant District

B.S. Harvey, of Bryant District, called on us last Wednesday. He reports about four feet of snow on the mountains, which will prevent prospecting for the winter. Most of the lodes in the Bryant District will be worked and ore taken out ready for shipment in the spring. On the Cleve, they are now down ninety feet and taking out a good quality of first class ore, from a fair size crevice. About fifty men are engaged in the district. A number of buildings will be erected in Trapper City this winter. On Lion Mountain the lodes are covered deep with snow that they cannot be worked. The post office for the town is not established yet, and all mail matters should be addressed, "Burnt Pine," via Darling.

Pictures

O.C. Bundy, is at home again for the winter. See his card in this paper. He takes a good picture.

Bannack Brevities

Our Bannack regular comes to the center with a regularity that nothing but a stoppage of U.S. Mails can frustrate. He receives money for his labor, which helps

him to subsist on coarse grub and live quite respectably. We make this apology that the people of that town may know his name and hold him responsible. He's condensed this time to wit:

"The supper for the Masonic Ball on the 24th, is to be given by Mrs. Jack Nay. The report heretofore published that is was to be gotten up at the Goodrich House, is unfounded.

"Josh" Billings has taken a solemn oath to support the Constitution, the Organic Act and set on the dead body of any more found within the county limits of Beaverhead. He's Coroner now.

A society has been formed of the men of the town to learn French grammar. They are addicted to talking in Missouri language now, and are ashamed to appear in cultivated society. It is hoped they will succeed, and the prayers of the multitude are sent up in their behalf.

Dr. Hopkins, Judge Mead, the Infant, Otis and Mr. Trask are so hot at your correspondent that he deems discretion the better part of valor for a while. While he rests he will gather a gunny bag full of facts in regard to these worthies, the publication of which will be of interest to the people for it is wrote that you must not hide your candle under a bushel basket.

In the Blue Wing District work goes briskly on. The sale of quarts and ore from that district the past summer has given an additional confidence to lode owners. During the winter a great deal of ore will be taken out."

The furnace of Messrs. Wunderlich & Esler, of Divide, was to have started up on the 14th

inst., on copper and galena ore from the Butte mines, and silver ore from the Vipond and Bryant mines. The people and proprietors feed every confidence in the success for these works.

The Silver Lake Mines

Big Hole, M.T. Dec. 9, 1874
To the Editor of the Madisonian;

In all the newspapers of the Territory, except the Madisonian, there appears to be a fearful dearth of local news. One noticeable feature of the Madisonian is its invariably spicy local page. I don't wish you to think that I am trying to batter you, but I think it will be gratifying to you to know that your efforts in publishing a live local paper are appreciated.

Captain J.H. Downs, ex-President of the Omaha Smelting Works, has just returned to this place from the new discovery near Cable, Silver Lake District. He reports favorable. The Silver Moss, owned by Sloss, Milligan and Barker Bros., is down about fifteen feet, at which depth shows a well defined lode, and plenty of very rich ore in sight. These parties own other lodes known as the Hunter, Fariview, and Romeo, but have not made any developments on them yet. One peculiarity about the Silver Moss is that, occasionally pockets are found in it, containing from fifty to one hundred pounds of decomposed quartz, which the owners at first thought to be only black mud, but after assaying it, they found its value was \$6,500 and concluded it was a bad kind of mud to have.

The Mount Pleasant Lode, owned by Burdess, Saville, Wunderlich and Kantar, shows, at

a depth of eleven feet, a crevice three feet in width, one foot of this width is filled with ore which assays \$1,282, the other two feet with a lower grade ore.

Mr. Downs leaves for Omaha per next coach, and says he will endeavor to turn the attention of his company in this direction. Mr. Downs is still operating with the company.

Vipond mines are not being worked, extensively; those being worked are making a very good showing in rich ores. The Washeoga was thought by some had about pinched out, but a large body of ore has just come into sight. I have not yet learned the assay value of this ore, but it undoubtedly very rich.

N. Sanborn, one of the Trapper boys, is the principal owners of the Washeoga.

An article appeared in the New North West, last Fall, over the signature of "Rambler," from which one might think that the Vipond miners are a set of idlers; but had the N.N.W. know the disadvantage the miners of the Vipond labor under in preparing ore for shipment, it certainly would not have been printed that article; but it is nothing uncommon for that sheet, since it's become the bed fellow of the Helena Herald, to take it up in behalf of the strong, against the week-i.e., for the quartz shark and speculator against the industrious miner. The mines of Vipond are rich, and the miners of the district as enterprising, according to their means, as are to be found in the Territory.

All that I have to say about Bryant is to correct a misstatement made in your paper in regard to the depth of the shaft on the Trapper

mine. You stated that the greatest depth attained on any lode in the district was forty feet on the Trapper. The shaft on the Trapper is down 100 feet, showing a good body of ore from top to bottom.

Your Rochester correspondent "Stote" has told the domestic state of affairs. It is a true picture. Stote does it well.

Quotient

Married

Saville-LeFovre – At the Burdess House, Divide on November 24th, 1874, by A.E. Wilber, J.F. Saville of Divide to Miss Anne LeFovre of Croton, Leo Co., Iowa.

Dec. 26, 1874

Toll roads have long been a nuisance in Montana Territory. They are, in most cases, an imposition on the people, and loud complaints are heard against the monopolies that grind out exorbitant tolls. When one is abolished or made free it is a matter worthy of notice. Mr. Owen Gaffney has executed a deed to Madison County of the toll road formerly owned by Henry Morier. The road is known as the "Black Tail Deer and Helena Wagon Road Company." The Board of Commissioners cannot help but accept the gift. Mr. Gaffney is deserving of the thanks of the people for his donation.

Thomas Carmin passed through the city this week on his way to his home on Willow Creek, from Rochester, where he has been working in quartz. Mr. Carmin, as a practical quartz miner has few equals and no superiors in the Territory, as his work on some of

the best developed lodes in the county attest – The Rising Sun on Norwegian, the Mother Hendricks on meadow Creek and the Company at Rochester, all show evidence of his handiwork. He says the mines of Rochester show favorably for further prosperity. He will return to that place after spending the holidays among the Grangers of Willow Creek.

Vipond Items

We are indebted to Mr. John Allen, of Vipond, for whom we acknowledge a call during the week, for the following;

Two feet of snow is in the mountains, with an abundance of game.

There are a number of men at work on the various leads.

Boderage & Mansfield are taking out ore for shipment from the Washeoga, which stills shows, an unbroken vein of first class ore.

Spurr & Co. are working several lodes which all show well.

Allen and Tush are doing well on the Argyle, which is considered one of the best in camp.

Wunderlich and Saville are working on a number of lodes with good prospects ahead.