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LOCAL NEWS.

From the Daily Herald of February 11.

Oscar A. Sedman.

It is with feelings of deep sadness that we announce the death of Hon. Oscar A. Sedman, Representative in the House from Madison county. It is a long time since our community has been shocked as it was last evening when the sad intelligence was circulated through the city. On Friday last the deceased appeared in his seat in the House and at noon moved the recess of that body. For about ten days past he had been somewhat unwell, but his condition caused no alarm either to himself or to his friends, and but slightly interfered with his official duties. On Friday afternoon he remained with his family at their rooms in the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and on Saturday a physician was called. He then exhibited the ordinary symptoms of measles, with which several of his children were affected. The disease, however, failed to make its appearance on the surface until the night preceding his death. It then appeared as the characteristic black measles with all its virulent and unconquerable symptoms of high fever, severe pains, conjestion of the lungs, uræmic poisoning and stupor. All that skilled medical attendance or loving hearts could suggest was done to relieve the sufferer but without avail. At 9 o'clock Sunday morning he sank into a stupor from which he never aroused, and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon the soul returned to its Maker. The deceased was a prominent and influential citizen in the district which he very ably represented in the Legislative Assembly, and was one of the largest stock raisers in the Territory. He leaves a wife and four children who, in their hour of anguish, have the sincere sympathy of our entire community. May the kind Father who orders all things well give to the heart-broken wife and fatherless children that comfort and support which the world cannot supply.

Snow Slide.

A correspondent of the *Atlantis*, writing from the Hecla Company's iron mine, says: "Quite an excitement was created a few days ago by a snow slide. Although not a disastrous one, it was attended with a great deal of danger. Mr. Michael Foley, one of Mr. Thompson's boss teamsters happened to drive by in the course of the slide, and was buried almost instantly. Fortunately, happening to be on the edge of the deposit when it landed at the bottom of the gulch, he was extricated with very little trouble. Mr. Foley in this instance exercised unusual skill and daring by staying with his team when others had deserted, as the "slide gave warning before starting," but no he staid by them vainly in hopes of escaping, but with the result heretofore stated. That he did escape with life is a miracle."

Choteau County News.

A gentleman recently from Choteau county says that the losses in stock will be much less than has been reported. The snow has nearly disappeared. Davenport, Ray & Co.'s band of sheep has not had any loss, nor has the band belonging to Greenleaf & Co.

The town of Fort Benton will have much building next year. Among the structures to be erected is a $30,000 hotel of brick and three stories high. Power & Co. have commenced a new store. Baker & Lorrimer will build a brick store for the dry goods trade. L. H. Rosencrans will build a two story brick harness store. A brick meat market and a wholesale liquor store will be added. Our former townsman, Mr. Louis Heitman, will build an elegant dwelling house. A large school house, a jail and twenty-five dwelling houses will be built. These buildings are mostly of brick. The new store of Murphy, Neel & Co., is the largest and handsomest in the Territory and does great credit to its builder, Mr. Jameson.

Not so much wood was lost as anticipated, and plenty can now be had at prices ranging from ten to fifteen dollars.

The impression is now that there was no damage to the town on account of floods, the opposite bottom lands being much lower than the one on which the town is situated.

Merchants are happy over last year's business, which is represented in some instances to be a half million dollars.

Farmers are prospering on the rich and fertile valleys of Highwood, Belt, Shonkin, Teton and Marias. Eggs sell at $1.50 and $2.00 per dozen, butter 75 cents a pound, potatoes 4 cents, milk 10 cents a quart, and other articles in proportion.

There is a probability of a rush to the mines in the spring, but the most confidence is felt in the agricultural and grazing resources of the county.

Possibly Another Victim.

While out looking after stock last Thursday, Geo. Samples saw smoke issuing from a clump of willows close to the Missouri river, near the mouth of the Marias. Riding up to ascertain who was camped there, he discovered a man lying down, and a small coffee pot setting over a little fire made of willow twigs. Mr. Samples spoke to the man, but receiving no answer he rode off. When about fifty yards away, the man rose to a sitting position and beckoned him back. On his returning, the man held up a slate on which was written questions concerning the country he was in, how near it was to the settlements, etc., and stating that he was on his way to the States. The man was deaf and dumb. Mr. Samples talked with him for some time by means of the slate, and then left him. The next day, while Samples and others were riding up the river, driving their cattle to higher ground for safety from the overflow threatened by the engorged ice just above, they descried the little column of smoke still ascending from the willows, and before they reached the gorge above it broke, letting out the confined mass of ice and water and covering the bottom and the willows where the man had been seen the day before. Possibly the man had left, and the smoke seen came from an abandoned fire: but if not, and he was still there, he was probably swept away, as, being deaf, he would not hear the roar of the death flood until it was upon him.—*River Press, 9th inst.*

THE BELMONT DISASTER.

Further Particulars of the Horrible Affair.

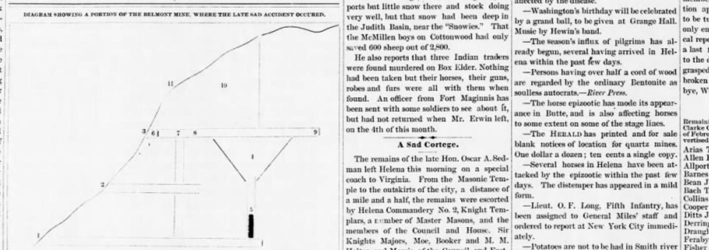
Statements of Foreman Young and D. H. McKay.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury.

We have heretofore given an account of the horrible disaster at the Belmont mine by which the souls of six men were, without a moment's warning, hurried into eternity. But, as the account was lacking in many interesting details, we publish to-day a diagram showing the plan of the mine and the localities in which the brave men met their doom.

A HERALD reporter this morning interviewed Mr. J. L. Young, foreman of the mine, who cheerfully communicated many facts which have not heretofore been published, together with the following:

DIAGRAM SHOWING A PORTION OF THE BELMONT MINE, WHERE THE LATE SAD ACCIDENT OCCURED.



Explanation of Diagram.

1. Tunnel No. 1.
2. Tunnel No. 2.
3. Tunnel No. 3, with blacksmith shop at mouth, where fire originated.
4. Underhand stope where men were working when alarm was given.
5. Ore shute, filled up below the figure but having an iron air pipe from tunnel No. 1 to No. 3. Here is where the men should have come, and they would have been entirely safe. It should be remembered that the fire was only in No. 3 and above.
6. Door to tunnel, outside of which was the powder.
7. Place where the body of Braslin was consumed.
8. Place where the body of Keegan was found.
9. End of tunnel No. 3, where bodies of Laughlin, Wood, Shorter and McDonald were found.
10. Portion of the mine worked out and timbered, with several openings to the surface.
11. Surface of the mountain.

Mr. Young says that within a few moments after the alarm sounded, No. 3 tunnel was a raging furnace. The ground above had been stoped out, and the two openings overhead made the draft a furious one. In addition to this, strong currents of air ascended through the winzes and stopes below, which greatly increased the fury of the flames. After escape by tunnel No. 3 had been cut off, the lives of the men would probably have been saved had they descended into the shaft below the stope in which they were working. The shaft itself was filled up to such an extent that egress was impossible, but an air pipe from tunnel No. 1 passed up through it, which would have supplied sufficiet air to have saved their lives. In addition to this, the shaft was the deepest part of the mine to which the smoke penetrated, and as a matter of course it would not be so dense as in the level above. In the excitement of the moment, however, this important fact was overlooked, and the men turned on the water from a pipe in No. 3, in the hope of washing out the *debris* in the shaft. This proved a fatal mistake, as the volume of water was not only insufficient for the purpose, but it also filled up the air pipe, shutting off all supply from below. Upon discovering this fact, the four men retreated to the further end of the shaft, sat down upon the ground and there died. When discovered, the bodies were resting against the walls of the tunnel, the faces of the dead wearing expressions of peaceful repose.

As soon as possible after the accident occurred, the mouth of tunnel No. 3 was closed to shut off the draft, and workmen in tunnel No. 1 began the task of removing the ore from the shaft which connected the two. The other facts concerning the fire have already been stated.

Later in the day our reporter met Mr. D. H. McKay, who escaped the flames, and who gave his experience, as follows: "After eating our supper we had returned to work, Ennis, Jas. Breslin, Jas. Keegan and myself were working on the right and the others on the left of stope (4). After a short time Ennis went out to the blacksmith shop to get some drills. A few moments later we smelled smoke, and all went up to the level. Just as we reached it, we heard the men in the other stope coming out, but they had to go around the other way. A moment later we heard Ennis, who had come back into the tunnel for a distance of about fifty feet from the mouth, calling to us to hurry up; that the mine was on fire. Keegan stood irresolute. Breslin started ahead and I behind him. The draft was strong and the smoke dense. I kept my head down and my hand over my mouth, and expected to suffocate every minute. When we got to where the level was wider, Breslin reeled to one side, from weakness or suffocation, and said, 'We can't make it.' I replied, 'We must make it.' My candle had gone out, and I shut my eyes and felt my way along. Near the door I stumbled and fell over a truck. I called to Breslin to look out for it. The doorway was full of flames. I closed my eyes, covered my mouth and made a dash through it. I then felt safe unless the magazine should explod. I called back to Breslin twice to hurry up, and then heard Ennis calling to me to get out of the way, for the magazine was liable to explode. I then joined him, and we gave the alarm."

On Saturday a coroner's jury was empanneled by George Woodward, J. P., which rendered the following verdict:

CORONER'S INQUEST.

TERRITORY OF MONTANA, LEWIS AND CLARKE COUNTY. } SS.

An inquisition holden at Belmont, in the county of Lewis and Clarke, on the 11th and 12th days of February, A. D. 1881, before me, George R. Woodward, a Justice of the Peace and acting coroner of said county, upon the bodies of James Keegan, Patrick Laughlin, Jack Shorter, Hugh McDonald and Thomas Woods, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oaths do say that, according to the evidence, the aforesaid and above mentioned men came to their death in the west end of Tunnel No. 3 of the Belmont mine, situated in Lewis and Clarke county, Montana Territory, between the hours of 2 a. m. and 1 p. m. on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1881.

That their death resulted from the heated, foul air generated by fire, which fire originated accidentally in a blacksmith shop, dangerously located at the mouth of said tunnel, and is further to be attributed to the fact that there existed no way of escape open to them, save through the flames in the mouth of said tunnel. The existence of said blacksmith shop to be in accordance with a custom prevailing among miners, which custom we, the jury do most emphatically condemn.

SAM'L F. RALSTON, Foreman.
HARPIN DAVIS.
M. GLEASON.
H. A. McALLISTER.
P. KING.
WARREN D. E. CAMP.

Last evening, about dusk, a dreary procession slowly wended its way through the streets of Helena. The snow was silently falling, and the sharp, keen winter air added to the gloom and discomfort of those who for many weary hours had toiled along the road between Belmont and Helena. The procession was preceded by four open sleighs, each of which contained the coffined remains of a victim of the fire. Beside each sleigh was a guard of honor, composed of stalwart miners—comrades of the deceased. In the rear of the sleighs containing the dead followed a body of miners on foot, and behind them still a long line of cutters and sleighs. Slowly the procession took its way to the Methodist Church, where the remains of Jno. H. Shorter, James Keegan and Patrick Laughlin were deposited, a guard of former comrades remaining, who, during the night, watched beside the bodies of the dead. Leaving the church the procession continued on to the church of Sacred Hearts where the remains of Hugh McDonald were left in the care of former friends and companions. This afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral services were held after which the remains were laid away in the cemetery there to sleep till the last and final awakening.

Jefferson City Items.

JEFFERSON CITY, February 12th.

Mr. Joseph Allen has returned, after an extended visit to the Capital.

Cold weather again acts as a damper on business.

Mrs. Ella Deasey, of Boulder, spent a few days here visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. Austin.

Mr. Lyman Rowley, superintendent of the Alta mine, accompanied by his wife, called on friends at this place on Sunday.

Many men coming from other parts of the Territory are unable to find employment in the mines of this vicinity.

The Masquerade on Friday evening was a decided success in every particular, many persons coming from Clancy, Boulder and Wickes.

Mr. Thos. O'Brien expects his brother to return in a few days from his visit to the States.

Among the victims of the terrible disaster at the Belmont mine was Mr. Patrick Loughlin, who left this place a few weeks since to work in that mine. The deceased came to Radersburg in 1870 and worked in the mines in that vicinity until early last spring, when he came here. By his genial, hearty disposition he made many warm friends who now mourn his sad fate. He was married early last September to Lucy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Austin, and was in every respect a model husband, kind, patient and true. Upright in business, he was beloved by every one with whom he became acquainted, and his young wife, in her sad bereavement, has the heartfelt sympathy of numerous friends.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. Sim Estes, of Dillon, is spending a few days in town.

—H. P. Rolfe and Col. Keeler, of Benton, are late arrivals from Benton.

—Jos. H. McKnight, post trader at Fort Shaw, and Jack Dyas, of Ulida, arrived last night.

—T. E. Collins, cashier of the Bank of Northern Montana, is up from Benton on a short visit.

From the Daily Herald of February 15.

A Crazy Man Stabs a Hospital Nurse at Fort Shaw and Inflicts Dangerous Injuries Upon Himself.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

FORT SHAW, February 15.—A man named O'Brien, who was lately discharged from the 18th Infantry for desertion, was taken in the hospital here, being severely frost-bitten. He had been drinking for several weeks, and created quite an excitement by becoming suddenly violent. On the afternoon of the 14th he stabbed a hospital nurse named Litchfield, and after great difficulty was taken to the post guard-house, where he mutilated himself with the lid of the stove in a terrible manner, having cut his scalp from the crown to the forehead. His wounds were dressed by Dr. Newman. At present his case is considered critical.

News From the Country Beyond Fort Maginnis--Three Indian Traders Murdered.

Michael Erwin, just in from James Fergus & Son's stock range, near Fort Maginnis, reports but little snow there and stock doing very well, but that snow had been deep in the Judith Basin, near the "Snowies." That the McMillen boys on Cottonwood had only saved 600 sheep out of 2,800.

He also reports that three Indian traders were found murdered on Box Elder. Nothing had been taken but their horses, their guns, robes and furs were all with them when found. An officer from Fort Maginnis has been sent with some soldiers to see about it, but had not returned when Mr. Erwin left, on the 4th of this month.

A Sad Cortege.

The remains of the late Hon. Oscar A. Sedman left Helena this morning on a special coach to Virginia. From the Masonic Temple to the outskirts of the city, a distance of a mile and a half, the remains were escorted by Helena Commandery No. 2, Knight Templars, a number of Master Masons, and the members of the Council and House. Sir Knights Majors, Moe, Booker and M. M. Holter, and Morris, of the Council, and Eastman, of the House, constitute the guard of honor to accompany the remains to Virginia City.

Sitting Bull's Encampment.

A letter received from Wood Mountain, N. W. Territory, dated the 22d ult., contains the following items:

Sitting Bull is camped on Porcupine creek, on the American side of the line. The last thing he told Major Crozier, in command of the Canadian Mounted Police at this post, was that he intended to surrender, but would not say how soon. The above named officer strongly impressed upon him the necessity of his surrendering as soon as possible, and urged him to do so at once. Sitting Bull's camp numbers only one hundred and thirty lodges, which is small compared to what it was some months ago. In order to expedite the surrender of these Indians, all traffic in ammunition has been stopped. Buffalo are not by any means plentiful, but only being a small camp they are getting enough to eat.

Major Baker, of the United States Indian service is here, having made a winter journey from Minnesota on service for the Government of the United States.

From the Daily Herald of February 16.

Eastern Montana Items.

Mr. Tom C. Burns, of Hunter's Hot Springs sends us the following items:

Our deep snow has all disappeared during the past week and the stock are doing well here, there having been no loss worthy of mention thus far.

In anticipation of Congress ratifying the Crow treaty, a good many locations have been made during the past month on that side of the Yellowstone.

Nathaniel Scott, temporarily residing here, accidentally shot himself in the foot while hunting sage hens, and was compelled to go to Bozeman to have the ball extracted.

Wm. H. Martin has purchased Nelson Story's entire cattle herd. This is probably one of the largest transactions in cattle that has ever been made in the Territory.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, February 15.—Wool is dull. The demand from manufacturers has been quite limited for some days.

Holders still appear to have confidence in the future of the market, but if the manufacturers continue to hold back any length of time there will probably be a break in the prices.

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, 45@46 for X and XX and 48@51 for No. 1 Michigan and Wisconsin fleeces, 42@43 for X and 47@48 for medium combing and De Laine fleeces, 44@47 for coarse, 48@50 for fine De Laine, 50@54 for fine and medium combing. Unwashed fleeces have been selling at 19@22 for low and coarse and 25@36 for fine and medium.

The New Bishop of Montana.

The Rt. Rev. L. R. Brewer, the new Episcopal Bishop for Montana, was in Rock Island, Ill., on the 9th inst., *en route* to his new field of labor in this Territory. If not delayed by the recent snow blockades, he will probably reach Dillon this evening, and may be expected in Helena on Friday or Saturday evening of this week. He expects to hold his first services at St. Peter's Church on Sunday next, the 20th inst.

Bell Mine Stock.

C. L. Meader gives notice in the Butte *Miner* that after the 21st inst. No more stock of the Bell Mine will be sold at one dollar per share, and after that date none will be offered for sale in Butte.

IT is expected that the American mills will turn out this season about 1,200,000 tons of steel rails. But even this will not supply the demand, and Jay Gould has recently ordered 15,000 tons of steel rails from England at $60 per ton.

TOWN TALK.

—The measles are raging in Diamond City.

—The county jail at Bozeman is without an occupant.

—There was a funeral in Butte on each day of last week.

—There is an ice gorge in the Missouri river below Benton.

—Every vestige of snow has disappeared from the Shonkin country beyond Benton.

—It is rumored that Mr. W. A. Clark intends to erect a $75,000 hotel in Butte next season.

—The tunnel on the Utah & Northern railroad, near Camp Creek, is progressing favorably.

—Some eight hundred cords of wood on the Marias river are reported washed away by the recent floods.

—The popular line of "Benton P" steamers will be on hand at the opening of navigation. See advertisement.

—Measles is the prevailing complaint in Virginia City at present. Many children are affected by the disease.

—Washington's birthday will be celebrated by a grand ball, to be given at Grange Hall. Music by Hewin's band.

—The season's influx of pilgrims has already begun, several having arrived in Helena within the past few days.

—Persons having over half a cord of wood are regarded by the ordinary Bentonite as soulless autocrats.—*River Press.*

—The horse epizootic has mode its appearance in Butte, and is also affecting horses to some extent on some of the stage lines.

—The HERALD has printed and for sale blank notices of location for quartz mines. One dollar a dozen; ten cents a single copy.

—Several horses in Helena have been attacked by the epizootic within the past few days. The distemper has appeared in a mild form.

—Lieut. O. F. Long, Fifth Infantry, has been assigned to General Miles' staff and ordered to report at New York City immediately.

—Potatoes are not to be had in Smith river valley for love nor money. In the Missouri valley they are selling for two cents per pound.

—The Western Union Telegraph company now have offices at Walla Walla, W. T., and other important points between that place and Portland, Oregon.

—A daily passenger coach has been put on the route between Bannack and Dillon this week, and the daily pony mail from Willis to Bannack will be suspended.

—White Sulpher Springs is to have a new dry goods store in the spring, which " will handle a complete and first-class line of goods which will be sold at Helena prices."

—The Utah & Northern railroad is getting a large supply of iron at Dillon, the present terminus. Daily trains, averaging from eight to ten cars, are coming up from below.

—The United States military telegraph line across the Cœur d'Alene mountains is now in working order and dispatches can be sent from Bismarck through to Walla Walla.

—Captain E. L. Huggins, 2d United States Cavalry, of Fort Keogh, now on leave of absence, has been detailed on the Ponca Commission, and is stationed at Kansas City, Missouri.

—Hay is selling at $12 to $14 per ton; oats $2 per 100 pounds; flour, $3 to $3.50; wheat, xxx, 90 cents to $1 per bushel; butter, 35 to 40 cents per pound; eggs, 40 to 50 cents per dozen.—*Courier.*

—Tuesday morning a man was found lying on Front street, on the site of the recent fire, almost frozen to death. He was promptly cared for, and is now in a fair way to recovery.—*Yellowstone Journal.*

—A steer walked leisurely into the press room of the Bozeman *Courier* one day last week. The unfortunate animal had evidently lost all hope of ever seeing bunch grass again and decided to " brace up " his famished system on a "red hot" editorial.

—Some daring feats have been performed by some of our snow shoers during the week. A run of half a mile down a very steep mountain is the favorite sport. Professionals make the trip in a very few seconds.—*Yankee Fork Herald.*

—The Benton debating society recently had a heated discussion on the question, "Resolved that a man has a better chance to make money in the States than in Montana." As a matter of course the negatives got away with the proposition.

—Postmistress Deimling is making an effort to secure permission from the Department to reduce the rate of box-rent in the post office, and was this week procuring signatures to a memorial with this laudable object in view.—*Madisonian.*

—Apprehensions were felt last week that the thaw would flood Alder gulch to such an extent as to seriously damage the placer mines, but for several nights past there has been frost, and the danger of a disastrous freshet has been averted.—*Madisonian.*

—The coal mine owned by Jacob Ornstein & Co., located on Medicine Lodge creek, in Beaverhead county, is developing finely. At and below water level the vein is five feet in thickness. Below the water the coal becomes compact and solid, and is of a lasting character when compared with the croppings.

—There are at present stored in Bismarck a number of handsome six-horse coaches, which are to be put on the road between Miles City and Glendive about the first of April, or as soon as the Northern Pacific begins running regularly. The time will be twenty-four hours from the terminus to Miles City.

—Mr. Jacob Goff, writing from Corvallis, Bitter Root valley, under date of the 3d inst., says: "As near as I can learn, about one-half of the residents of the valley between here and Stevensville will be compelled to leave their homes, should there be, as now anticipated, a sudden break up. It is the coldest and hardest winter ever known here, and the snow is very deep."

—The telegraph line, as usual is down between here and Deadwood. This is caused by the large number of buffalo in the neighborhood of Powder river, across which the line runs, who scratch themselves against the telegraph poles with the stated result. And we are told that sometimes they get their horns tangled up in the wire and tear it down for miles, thereby causing great delay in repairing it.—*Yellowstone Journal.*

—A letter to R. H. Clendennin from the man in charge of the herds of the Northwestern Cattle Company, states that the company's loss has been small. A few calves have died, and he had noticed the carcass of but one grown animal. The stock in that region, he says, wintered among the hills instead of standing around the willows as last year, and have come through in pretty good shape.—*Husbandman.*

—When Tom Deyarmon was in Helena, a short time since, we told "How He got a Subscriber." In this week's issue of the *Madisonian* behold Thomas proceeds to "get even" and dishes it up unto us as follows: "Even condemned murderers are not ungrateful for the attentions bestowed upon them by the members of the press as the time of execution approaches. When Pelkey was about to be turned off last week, it is said that the only emotion he exhibited was when the local reporter of the HERALD went to bid him a last farewell. The unbidden tear started to the doomed man's eye, as he affectionately grasped the Faber shover's hand, and, in broken accents, mournfully ejaculated: 'Good bye, Wilson, old fellow; *I'll see you later.*'"

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Helena, Lewis and Clarke County, Montana Territory, on the 16th day of February, 1881. When called for please say "advertised."

Arias Thomas	Moore Wesly —5
Allen Ethan	Moran Ed
Allport J D	Mock Geo
Barnes Mrs John N	Morgan Miss Sarah
Bean J F	Mitchell John
Bach Theodore	Mitchell Miss Hattie
Collins B	Martin Sam'l
Cooper O G	Niggler A
Ditts John	Nolen J
Derring B F	Payne Miss Fannie
Draughan J T	Potts Burton
Feraby S	Shreeves Amos
Fisher Jos	Smith Louis
Haislop R E	Shinnick Jerry
Hayes John	Smith W & T
Hooper Fred	Stargeon John
Jones Evans S	Sullivan Patrick D
Johan Bart	Taylor Mrs H W—2
Kiley Wm	Terious F
Krohn John	Thayer F E
Lemdimen L	Weidel R
Miller Mrs Agnes	Wilson John
McLeod Herbert	

S. H. CROUNSE, Postmaster.

MARRIED.

FRICKS-SHELLEY.—At the home of the bride's parents, in the Missouri Valley, near Centerville, Meagher county, February 8th, 1881, by Rev. W. Scott Stites, Mr. Virgil M. Fricks, of Helena, to Miss Mary M. Shelley.

ANDERSON—HARRIS.—In Bozeman, February 3d, 1881, by Rev. Geo. Comfort, Mr. John Anderson to Mrs. Julia Harris, all of Bozeman.

HAMILTON—YOUNG.—At the residence of A. T. Hamilton, February 6th, 1881, by Rev. George Comfort, Mr. Benj. S. Hamilton, of East Gallatin, to Miss Louie E. Young, lately of Jacksonville, Clark county, Iowa.

TONG—LAWRENCE.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Butte, February 9th, 1881, by Rev. J. R. Russell, Mr. George H. Tong to Miss Julia E. Lawrence.

BORN.

KLEIN—In Helena, on Feb. 13th, 1881, to the wife of Henry Klein, a son.

FISK.—In Missouri Valley, near Bedford, Friday, February 4th, 1881, to the wife of John H. Fisk, a son.

DANSEREAU.—At Warm Springs, February 1st 1881, to the wife of Remi Dansereau, a son.

HICKS.—At Silver City, February 1st, 1881, to the wife of James Hicks, a son.

ELLING.—At Virginia City, February 7th, 1881, to the wife of Henry Elling, a son.

DIED.

BUTLER.—In Walkerville, February 10th, 1881, Catharine, wife of Maurice Butler, aged 28 years.

LINCOLN.—At White Sulphur Springs, January 20th, 1881, Abraham, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lincoln, aged 3 years and 0 months.

COPP.—Near Sheridan, January 31st, 1881, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Copp.

O'BANNON.—In Deer Lodge, February 4th, 1881, Marcus, infant and only son of O. B. and F. C. O'Bannon, aged 1 year and 19 days.

THOMAS.—At Rocker, February 9th, 1881, William Watkin Thomas, aged 53 years and 4 months.

BUSCH.—At Butte, February 9th, 1881, Frank, son of William and Mary Busch, aged 11 years 3 months and 19 days.

SULLIVAN.—At Flathead Agency Montana, Feb. 5th, 1881, at the residence of Maj. Ronan Mary E. Sullivan, aged 16 years and 11 months.

MARTIN.—At the Sister's Hospital, Friday Jan. 28th, 1881, of Liver complaint, Louis Martin, of Fort Benton.

WRIGHT.—In Helena, Feb. 14th, 1881, William B. Wright, son of William B. and P. B. Wright, after an illness of ten days, aged 3 years 8 months and 6 days.

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