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Local News.

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Commerce of Helena.

We are indebted to Mr. S. G. Fulton, agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company at Helena, for the following statement of the imports and exports of Helena for the first eleven months of the year 1884.

Total tonnage, 14,223 tons. This is nearly, if not quite, double the amount of the imports and exports of the whole Territory previous to the completion of railroads into Montana, and gives a good and solid reason why Helena and the Territory have grown so rapidly in population and wealth in the three or four years since the census was taken in 1880.

Helena District School Census.

Mr. J. G. Sanders, clerk of Helena School District No. 1, has completed the census for 1884, with the following result:

Total number under the ages of 4 and 21 years—males, 574; females, 602; total, 1,176.

Total number under 4 years—males, 188; females, 156; total, 344—making a grand total of 1,520; males, 738; females, 782; total, 1,520.

Of this number 26 are colored and 6 Chinese. The girls in the census are only 4 in the minority. The census for 1883 shows a total of 1,363, of which 34 were colored. The present census shows an increase of 157 over last year.

The Fair.

At the Fair, on Broadway, is where you can buy anything from an egg beater to a pair of white blankets for less than at any other house in town. Mr. L. B. Wells filled a niche in the mercantile business when he opened his variety store in Helena. He deals in fancy articles of dress goods, ladies' furnishing goods, toilet articles, stationery, jewelry, silverware, light articles of hardware, pictures and picture frames, in fact most everything that is needed in the furnishing line can be found at the Fair.

W. G. Prewitt & Co.

The firm of W. G. Prewitt & Co., with its predecessors, may be designated the pioneer liquor establishment of the Territory. In his business transactions Mr. Prewitt has been in all cases honorable in his dealing. For this reason he has built up a trade which is second to none in the Territory. Mr. Prewitt has always dealt in a pure article of liquors and most scrupulously guarded his patrons from the adulterations which flood the market. Aside from the liquor trade, Messrs. Hundley & Prewitt are among the leading fine stock dealers and importers in Montana. In fact we do not hesitate to say that they do the largest business in the Territory.

Montana's Confectioners.

Perhaps there has been no other line of business more rapidly developed in the Territory the last two years than that of the manufacture of confectionery. We may rank as pioneers in this trade the firm of Norris Bros. They came to Helena a few years ago and are now employing four men.

They represent their jobbing trade as booming and an increase of 100 per cent. over last year. They have now fully a double stock and the largest that they have ever brought to the Territory. They sell at St. Paul prices with freight added, and in some cases undersell on account of their getting sugar from California so that it does not cost as much here as in St. Paul.

Wedding parties are supplied at reasonable terms with all the latest rarities of confectionery with suitable monograms. They have added nicely furnished oyster parlors, where the bitraves are served in any style desired, and at all hours.

These gentlemen manufacture confectionery on a large scale aside from their other trade, and are wholesaling to other Territories. They have just lately made their way into Butte, having been kept out on account of railroad tariff. They now have an undisputed claim to the trade of the Territory, and their nerve and strict business energy and integrity most certainly merit it.

Montana Bakery.

The history of the firm of W. H. Um & Son is similar to that of those already mentioned. Their growth has been rapid and steady. Beginning in '82, their trade has spread out in all directions, until its former dimensions could hardly be realized. They wholesale and retail choice staple and fancy groceries, provisions, glassware, queensware, flour, tobacco and cigars, etc.

1884-1885.

The Old Year Goes Out as the New Year Comes In.

The Happenings of the Last of '84 in the City and Territory.

Teachers' Association.

The morning session of the Territorial Institute held a discussion concerning changes of the school law, which resulted in adopting the following resolutions:

1. That the school law should be amended so as to provide for but one annual report from the County Superintendents during the month of December, so that it might contain the latest statistics, and that such report should, in addition to the statistical facts now required, contain statements of the general school interests of the county with suggestions for improvement in any direction.

2. That to secure prompt reports from district clerks that general school fund for allowed \$5 from the officers school fund for making the report, and that for every day's delay after due the County Superintendent shall deduct \$5 from the amount apportioned to said district to be turned back to the general fund.

3. That the minimum county school tax for supporting schools shall be four mills for three mills, and the maximum shall be six instead of five mills on the dollar on all assessable property.

4. That the minimum of school term shall be four months for each district.

5. That all census returns shall specify particularly the number of children between the ages of five and sixteen years.

The first exercise in the afternoon was a paper by Mrs. Mary Kinney on the subject of "Offenses in the School and Their Punishment."

Lengthy and interesting discussions followed.

Next was a paper on "Language," by Miss Ewing.

"What Should Teachers Read," by Prof. S. G. Murray, was a paper well received and pleasantly discussed.

Following this exercise, Prof. H. T. Englehorn gave a talk on penmanship and drawing—how the former can be successfully taught in country and public graded schools, with illustrations on the black-board.

Prof. Arthur Araven afterwards read a paper on "Public Schools and the Homes." It was moved and carried that the same be published.

The early part of last evening was devoted to the finishing of business, after which President D. J. McMillan, of the Montana College, at Deer Lodge, delivered an address. After a pleasant social, the very successful institute of Montana's teachers ended.

Board of Trade Meeting.

At the meeting of the Helena Board of Trade, yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. H. Kleinschmidt was elected treasurer for the coming year, and Major R. C. Walker, Secretary.

The committee appointed to consider the license law of drummers made their report, the consideration of which was left till another meeting. The majority report favored a modification of the law. The minority report, which was verbal, favored the abolishing of the law.

Mr. S. T. Hauser was elected delegate to the silver convention, to be held at Denver. Major R. C. Walker, alternate.

Grand Temperance Reunion.

All who have ever belonged to any temperance organization are cordially invited to a free supper, to be given by the Good Templars, at their hall, Thursday evening, January 1st, 1885, commencing at 6 o'clock.

Entertainment for the evening: Speeches by Messrs. Boland and Hicks, Rev. L. L. Wood and others; music by the Good Templars' Glee Club and the Juvenile Templars.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. F. Perolat, the firm man, returned from Butte yesterday.

Betty Tooker is reported under the weather with a hard cold.

Bozeman sends a representative here in the person of E. F. Campbell.

Eugene Sears, of the Marysville Stage Co., is at the Cosmopolitan.

Peter Blow returned from the east last night.

R. B. Harrison, in charge of the U. S. assay office, returned last evening on the delayed eastern train.

A. B. Taylor, the undertaker, was among yesterday's passengers for New Orleans.

Ed. Gay and S. Harvey are over from the west side and stopping at the Cosmopolitan.

A. B. Robert, of the Northern Pacific Refrigerator company, expects to leave this morning for St. Paul.

George C. Griffith, connected with S. C. Ashby & Co., has gone on a visit to Racine, Wisconsin.

Lieut. Geo. Bell, Jr., of Fort Shaw, has been granted a leave of absence and left last night for the west.

John Maupin, of Canyon Ferry, and Joseph Grill, of the firm of Kleber & Grill, of Marysville, gave the INDEPENDENT a call yesterday.

Julius Horst, the manager of the Three Forks Hotel and the mines of the Three Forks Land Company, is in town on business.

Mr. C. T. Cross, the rustling real estate agent of Three Forks, after visiting friends in the city, expect to return this morning.

New Year's Calls.

The following ladies will receive their friends on New Year's day at the places mentioned.

Mrs. Joseph Davis will receive assisted by Miss Ray Rockman, Miss George Robinson, Mrs. G. F. Marsh and Mrs. C. F. Woodman.

Mrs. S. S. Huntley and H. W. Child, assisted by Mrs. Botkin and the Misses Brewer, Benedict, Rumley and Samuels, after 2 p. m.

Mrs. Wm. Muth, assisted by Mesdames

Dr. Eckles, R. C. Wallace, Wm. Franklin, and F. R. Wallace, corner of Ewing street and Sixth avenue.

At the residence of Mr. John T. Ming, at the head of Edwards street, Mesdames E. D. Edgerton, I. R. Gates, W. E. Cullen, and Miss Cole.

Mrs. S. T. Hauser and Miss Ann Kennett, assisted by the Misses Theo. Knight and Claude Clark, after 1 p. m., at the residence of S. T. Hauser, on Benton avenue.

Mrs. W. H. Foote assisted by Miss Gibbs and Miss Brooks at her residence, corner of Ewing street and Seventh avenue.

Mrs. W. F. and Miss Sanders assisted by Mesdames T. H. Rieger and J. G. Sander, and the Misses Guthrie, Holmes and Wallace, after 2 p. m., corner of Ewing street and Seventh avenue.

Mrs. Cole and Miss Cole will receive at the residence of Mrs. John Ming, assisted by Mrs. Edgerton, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Fuller, Miss Keuper and Miss Pyle. Afternoon and evening.

—The Waverly Club will have a dance at Borsky's hall to-night.

—The Supreme Court of the Territory will convene in Helena next Monday.

—For a good New Year's dinner, go to the famous Restaurant.

—New Year's Calling Cards in great variety at George E. Boos & Co's. Open until 1 p. m., January 1, 1885.

—The INDEPENDENT is requested to say that hereafter the London Saloon, kept by the Foy Sisters, will be closed on Sunday.

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—Quite a number of articles prepared for our holiday edition have been crowded out but will appear shortly. We intended to treat all alike but miscalculated our space.

—The Telephone Company will put a telephone in the legislative hall, for the use of the officers and members of both houses, free of charge. This act of generosity on the part of Mr. A. C. Van Doren will be greatly appreciated by all.

—Spencer & Nye.

Although just formed last spring, the firm of Spencer & Nye is fast coming into prominence, because of its large increase of patronage and the quality of the goods it stocks. They keep as complete and fine a stock as can be found in the Territory.

Their leading article in manufacturing is the stock saddle, a variety of which can be found, from the cheapest to the very best. Their line of single buggy and double carriage harness is complete. They are prepared to suit all. They keep stock, from the very cheapest x c trimmed to the best rubber, gilt-lined, and of the best manufacture to be had in the country. Those who wish any article in their line are earnestly requested by the firm to call and examine their stock, whether you purchase or not. They have lately put up a large show case for the displaying of their goods, so they deem it a pleasure to accommodate any visitors.

Messrs. Spencer & Nye keep an endless variety of horse blankets; wool, plush, and fur lap robes; side-saddles, chaps, saddle pockets, etc., etc., backbones, etc. They have also the finest hand-made birch and spurs in the country. The aim of the proprietors is to furnish their customers with goods that will give satisfaction in every particular.

A. M. Holter & Bro.

This firm, composed of Messrs. A. M. & M. M. Holter, began in the hardware business proper in 1873, in the building on Main street now occupied. This is certainly one of the most enterprising as well as the most firmly established houses in the city. They have now on hand an immense stock, and are fully prepared to fill any and all orders in their line. This firm, like others which have stood the test of time, has had its reverses, but the energy and pluck of its members have overcome all obstacles. Nothing more clearly shows the substantial basis on which it rests than the difficulties surmounted. Fire, although at one time causing a loss of over \$100,000, has but served to nerve the firm to better efforts. Aside from their hardware, they are manufacturers of lumber, lath, shingles, sash, doors, store fronts, etc.

They are agents for the Atlas engines and boilers, Lefel double turbine water wheel, and Disston's celebrated circular saws. They make a specialty of mill and mine supplies. They deal, also, in rubber and leather belting, brass goods, pipe fittings, battery screen steel wheelbarrows, iron, steel, pipe, and all kinds of heavy hardware.

The Old and Reliable.

The prosperous and growing business now conducted by Gans & Klein was begun in 1860. In the following spring they enlarged their quarters to suit an increasing trade.

They thus continued, until the fire of 1869 completely cleaned them out, at heavy loss. They rebuilt, with still larger facilities for accommodating a trade by which this time came to be recognized as one of the first in the Territory. This grew in extent as years increased, until the fire of '74 again made a clean sweep. Thus twice in the history of this firm has their property been completely wiped out, but the spirit of the men composing it was not to be burned, or destroyed or in any way daunted.

In '80 they erected the building which they now occupy, on the corner of Main and Broadway. They carry a large stock of all kinds of clothing. They are constantly receiving from the East large shipments, including the most stylish fall and winter suits, light, medium and the heaviest of overcoats, to suit the taste or occupation of every one; the most nobleby boys' and children's suits, fur and buffalo coats, imported and domestic underwear, novelties in scarfs, Knox and Stetson hats.

They also keep constantly in stock the best make of boots and shoes; sewed boots and all the latest styles in the market in the way of hats and caps.

BUILDING BOOM.

An Astonishing List of Improvements—Over One Hundred Buildings Erected.

Massive Business Blocks—Imposing Public Buildings, and Handsome Private Residences.

This is truly a banner year in the history of our city. Never before was so much money expended in improvements, nor more substantial and imposing residences erected. The hammer of the busy workman began its noise in early spring and kept up the ring until late in the fall. The summer and fall have been most favorable for building, and the opportunity has not gone unimproved. But the work can best speak for itself. We give below a list of the buildings, with location and estimated cost.

Montana National Bank block, three story brick with basement, 30x113 feet, cor. Main and Edwards streets. \$50,000.

International Hotel addition, three story brick veneer, 51x70 feet, 38 rooms, cor. Main and Bridge streets. \$15,000.

August Folier, second story added to brick brewery building, 27x72 feet, upper Main street. \$2,000.

Nick Kessler, second story to brick brewery building, 24x100 feet, Main opposite Wall street. \$4,000.

Frank Walker, second story to brick building, 27x90, west side Main. \$5,000.

A. Birkenfeld, second story to brick building, 40x90, west side Main st. \$7,500.

John B. Wilson, four story brick business block, 29x103 feet, store rooms below and offices above, west side Main opposite Grand street. \$25,000.

Sanford & Evans, three story brick business block, 62x100 feet, store rooms and offices, west side lower Main street. \$30,000.

John Horky, three story stone and brick, 42x110, corner Main street and Sixth avenue. \$18,000.

Gremm & Merritt, one story frame carpenter shop and office, lower Main. \$800.

Sturrock & Lang, tin shop addition. \$600.

Mrs. Kenck, two story brick business block, 42x112, for store rooms, lower Main street. \$15,000.

Cosmopolitan Hotel addition, brick, 35x108 feet, two stories, (contract to be let this week) cost estimated. \$22,500.

Nick Kessler and Chris Kenck, brick business block, west side Main street, two story, 32x80, feet, stone trimmings, two story, opposite foot of Broadway. \$20,000.

Stucco addition to Beckney's building, upper Main street (Parthen). \$2,500.

Broadwater & Ashby block, three story brick, corner Main street and Sixth avenue. \$25,000.

Reed and Rinda's Hotel, four story brick, Main street. \$30,000.

Masonic Temple, three-story brick with basement, stone trimmings, 58x100, corner Jackson and Broadway. \$50,000.

H. M. Perchen, corner Main and Broadway, three-story brick business block, 36x100 feet. \$5,000.

James Blake, dwelling, frame, one story, six rooms. \$1,500.

John Smith, dwelling, frame, three rooms. \$1,500.

Henry Sonnenfeld, five one-and-one-half story frame dwellings, south of East Broadway. \$5,000.

U. S. Assay Office, smelting room. \$3,000.

Euck Dillard, two small frame dwellings, half block east of Broadway. \$500.

Dick Blake, one-and-one-half story frame dwelling. \$800.

Small frame dwelling in Eesterly addition (owner's name not ascertained). \$250.

St. Job's Hospital, three stories, 36x50, brick and stone, mansard roof. \$14,250.

Wm. E. Cullen, two story brick double dwelling on corner of Edwards street, 39x43. \$5,000.

Chas. Jeffers, two story and basement dwelling. \$6,000.

C. E. Kemp, addition to frame dwelling near Edwards street. \$500.

S. C. Gilpatrick, addition and improvements on residence. \$1,000.

Wm. LaRue, frame cottage near Benton avenue. \$1,000.

Dr. Stone, frame dwelling, one-and-one-half stories (near cemetery). \$1,250.

Christian Church, west side, red porphyritic conglomerate, 42x64, Gothic. W. A. Peters, architect. \$15,000.

Congregational Church, brick with granite trimmings, 20x60. \$10,000.

Adam Gerhauser, three story brick, 60x75 feet, store rooms on corner of Rodney and Fifth avenue. \$12,000.

W. K. Roberts, store room, one and one-half story, west side Rodney. \$2,000.

James Beilard, brick and stone, business, two story, west side Rodney, near Fifth avenue. \$8,000.

Ketchum & Zastrow, improvements to shop (on Breckinridge, near Rodney). \$1,000.

J. J. Rohrbraugh, two story frame dwelling, 22x30, containing ten rooms. \$3,000.

Geo. E. Boos, two story frame dwelling, containing eight rooms. \$2,000.

Henry Nell, two and one-half story frame residence, twelve rooms. \$5,500.

James Walker, frame cottage, north of Lawrence. \$200.

S. T. Hauser, three story brick residence, with basement, 52x73 feet, thirty rooms; barn two story brick. \$70,000.

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S. Blair, two-story brick dwelling, 23x30. \$2,000.

Canon, one-story brick for boarding house. \$1,600.

Louis Alamar, brick veneer, one-story and mansard, dwelling, 30x18. \$1,500.

Marcus Lissner, one-story brick dwelling, 33x33, six rooms. \$2,500.

Marcus Lissner, frame residence one and a-half stories. \$2,000.

J. W. Crowell, one and a-half story brick dwelling, 16x35, four rooms. \$1,200.

International hotel laundry, frame, two-story. \$1,000.

Josephine Hensley, fifty-foot extension to dance hall, two story brick. \$3,000.

Al Fisher, two story brick dwelling. \$3,000.

Charles A. Blackburn, two-story brick residence, corner Warren street. \$2,000.

New city hall, two-story brick, 50x65 feet, corner of Cutler and Bridge. \$19,000.

Lillie McGraw, two-story brick dwelling, 27x33. \$4,000.

Belle Crafton, two-story brick veneered dwelling. \$3,000.

John Ming, one-story brick veneered dwelling. \$500.

Josephine Hensley, two-story frame dwelling. \$1,000.

Ten Eyck, frame dwelling house, one story. \$500.

Ten Eyck, frame dwelling house, one story. \$375.

Scott, addition to frame dwelling. \$150.

Mrs. John E. Howard, one and one-half story frame dwelling, corner of Cutler street. \$800.

Mrs. John E. Howard, addition to residence, Cutler street. \$200.

Ernest Hahn, one-story brick dwelling. \$1,200.

W. Y. Simonton, second story to shop, frame. \$200.

Joak McKnight, four one-story frame dwellings. \$1,000.

Ben Price one-story brick dwelling, four rooms. \$1,600.

Baptist church, corner Warren street. \$15,000.

N. C. Smith, improvements on dwelling, Eighth avenue. \$300.

Baker and Schultz, three-story brick veneer tenement house, 32x30. \$15,000.

Herman Gaas, addition to residence, etc. \$2,000.

W. C. Child, addition to residence, etc. \$1,500; building. \$10,000.

Improvements on county jail. \$15,000.

James P. Porter, three-story brick residence, Ewing street. \$10,000.

Jacob Olson, frame dwelling, 22x28, five rooms. \$1,000.

S. H. Crouse, brick dwelling, one and one-half story, three rooms. \$1,500.

Thomas Golding, two story frame residence, six rooms. \$2,500.

Joseph Moncrieff, two story frame, six rooms. \$1,500.

Mrs. Farry, two story brick, 23x34, eight rooms. \$3,000.

Walter Holden, two story brick dwelling, 27x33, eight rooms. \$2,800.

Mrs. Jerome Norris, two story double dwelling. \$2,000.

Mr. Saul, one two-story frame dwelling. \$800.

Mr. Scott, four houses, two story frame. \$2,000.

John A. Zeigler, one story frame saloon. \$500.

Northern Pacific Refrigerator. \$20,000.

John Lamy, two story frame dwelling. \$1,000.

Mr. Cary, two story frame dwelling. \$1,600.

Mr. Flasher, two story frame for boarding house. \$1,000.

Frank Walker, two story brick business block. \$5,000.

R. Locke, two frame dwellings. \$2,000.

Mr. Bundy, one story dwelling. \$800.

Three dwellings erected beyond the railroad track. \$2,000.

Ed. Rose, two and one-half story frame dwelling. \$800.

George S. Appleton, one story frame, four rooms. \$1,500.