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LOCAL LAYOUT.

John Elliott, a substantial stock-grower of Melville, was in town Friday buying supplies.

George Simmons, one of the popular north country wool growers, was in town Friday buying supplies.

No other Montana town wears the same air of prosperity that now adorns the town of Big Timber.

Shearing was commenced on the ranch of R. B. Briggs on Saturday, the shearing crew having gone over the day before.

The I. X. L. Clothing company is meeting with popular favor. They expect to move into the new Hatch building as soon as it is completed.

Mrs. C. W. Savage on her return to Miles City from a visit to Livingston, stopped in Big Timber on Sunday to visit Monday with Mrs. M. W. Hatch.

Ben Stevens and John Newman have reopened the Owl Saloon to the public. L. H. Fenske has rented the saloon at Ubet formerly run by Mr. Newman.

The constable's sale of the goods at the Owl Saloon took place Saturday and was attended by a large crowd, the goods sold, however, hardly realized wholesale prices.

Geo. Stockwell, a former well known resident, is with the Golden and Moreland shearing crew now at the Briggs ranch. Mr. Stockwell's home is now at Sidney, in Dawson county.

Sheriff J. M. Conroy of Livingston, was in town yesterday looking up jurors. He also arrested and sent to Livingston two men who had been engaging in a scrapping match at Springdale.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Smith, of Martinsdale, returned Sunday morning from an extended visit to Chicago and the great World's Fair. Both were well pleased with their visit. They left here for home, via stage, Monday morning.

Lawstown Argus:—The friends of John Newman, who died in Big Timber this month, will give him a farewell dance at Ubet on June 9th, to which all his friends and the public generally are invited. Mrs. Darrows will serve the supper.

J. M. Ramsey, the popular editor of the Stillwater Bulletin, spent Sunday with his many friends in Big Timber. Mr. Ramsey is doing good work for his town and is getting out an exceedingly bright and pious paper. That he and the Bulletin are appreciated is shown by the large amount of advertising displayed.

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-another-
30 doz. men's Teck Scarfs, full size, silk lined, made to sell for 75 cents—we give you your choice for 25 cents—

-blankets-
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Send for our special samples of men's clothing—you'll see money in them—

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Sergeant Pat Malone came up from Ft. Keogh on Saturday to arrest two deserters, who as it seems were not here.

Frank Martin, Tom Flannagan and Andy Madison were in Saturday from their Stillwater and Spring creek ranches.

Mrs. Chas. G. Brown, and children, departed Monday night for Chicago and other eastern points to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Haney and daughter, mother and sister of Mrs. A. Whitney, have arrived from Maine and are spending the summer at the ranch in Lake Basin.

The Hall school will close tomorrow for the summer vacation. Miss Prather, the teacher, has done well in guiding the "young idea" and will now enjoy a well deserved rest.

The new schedule went into effect here Tuesday. The two trains from the east, No. 1 and 3, now arrive at 7:45 a. m., and 4:16 p. m. The two from the west, No. 2 and 4, arrive at 4:49, a. m., and 8:05, p. m.

Have you noticed the new ad' of the I. X. L. Clothing and Shoe company? This company is a pusher for trade, and has by its fair dealing gained many customers during the short time it has been located here.

Attention is called to the ad' of the new meat market, located next to the Grand Hotel. The fact that Thomas P. McDonald is to be the proprietor is a sufficient guarantee as to its excellence and as to the popularity that the new market will enjoy.

Jos. Keeney, wife and children arrived here Monday evening by private conveyance from Cinnabar and on Wednesday left for the Boulder camp where Mr. Keeney is largely interested in mining properties, and where they will make their home during the summer.

H. L. Leyeaux, president and general manager, left here Saturday night for Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence Mining company. Mr. Leyeaux expects to be away about three weeks, and will, of course, take in the "big fair."

The Big Timber public school closed on Friday for the summer vacation. Although laboring under many disadvantages the teachers, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Kearns, have done unusually well and deserve much credit for their efficient work. Mrs. Baker left here Monday for Gardiner, where she will visit for a while and then start for her former eastern home, visiting for a few days here, en route. Mrs. Kearns has left for her home in Red Lodge, where she will remain during the summer.

The hotel Spofford, at Red Lodge, will, when opened, be one of the finest hotels west of St. Paul. The building is of brick, three stories high and has fifty-two sleeping rooms. All modern conveniences have been put in, leaving nothing to be desired, electric bells, electric light, steam heat rooms with and without bath and hot and cold water in every room. The house will be opened to the public about June 15, with H. J. Edson, of this place as manager, in securing whom the owners of the house have shown good judgement, as he is a hotel man of some sixteen years experience and well knows how to care for his guests. In connection with "The Spofford," Mr. Edson will continue his restaurant business in this place, and which he will leave in competent hands while away. As neighbors we must congratulate Red Lodge upon its fine hotel and the able manner in which it will be run. During the past week Mr. and Mrs. Edson have been in Red Lodge closing the furnishings for the new house, being met at that point by the representative of an eastern house. Mr. Edson returned on Sunday, and assures us that no detail has been overlooked to make the house complete in every respect.

**AN OUTSIDE VIEW.
A Stranger's Opinion of the Timber and Its Surroundings.**

EDITOR PIONEER.—Big Timber, a rising town of noticeable importance on the Northern Pacific, is in Park county, Montana. It is located on the south side of the Yellowstone, thirty-three miles east from Livingston and commands one of the most changeable views in America. The close pressing hills which ascend higher and higher as they recede northward until those apparently vaulting steps leads the eye admiringly, at a glance, from summer verdure to the frigid, white capped Crazyes, is a sight in the display of nature which the brush of the artist will fail to copy. The same view presents itself to the vision from the south. The spectator sees outlined in the same manner against the southern horizon, the white surfaced Snow mountains.

The steady and rapid growth of this aspiring town for county honors has been phenomenal—scarcely strange when its surrounding permanent sources of wealth are considered. The Boulder mines, embracing a vast region of as yet but partially developed oped mineral, whose highway of approach for economical reasons, must be by transfer, or a junction branching from this place. Boulder creek, a stream of secondary volume in Montana, forms the eastern boundary to the city limits. On the head of this stream some sixty miles distant, the Boulder mines are situated, and along either side for this distance is seen as fine land as can be found in the state. About one mile east of the city, and on the other side of the Yellowstone, opposite the mouth of the Boulder, empties a second stream of more than average volume, called Big Timber. The valley opens and closes along this stream, giving to the farmer soil equal, for productive purposes, to any in Montana. The much coveted and desirable land hitherto belonging to the Crow tribe of Indians, and but recently thrown open to the public, will afford homes for many settlers. Water is easily accessible from the Yellowstone and along the streams, in abundant quantities for irrigating purposes. A stone quarry adjoins the city, where the stone is taken from, for those cut stone handsome buildings which so numerous adorn the town. It is a matter of time only, when the necessity for a spur to this quarry will be recognized by the Northern Pacific over whose road it will materially enlarge the volume of traffic. These natural advantages, side dished by mail routes affording lucrative employment for a continuous line of coaches to and from the Boulder camp, also northward by way of the prosperous little town of Melville, toward the Musselshell country, I might further add, seasoned by the fat orders for supplies from the surrounding stock ranches, of which this place is the control supplies depot, of course, the continuance of stock raising under the present system is not permanent, but when the farmer in addition to the cultivation of his land, engages in the live stock business—Denver, Colorado, has demonstrated that he is a stayer.

City proper. We find the religious creeds fairly represented, and attendance at Divine worship respectfully large. A graded school, where the rising generation is outfitted to adorn with honor the places they are destined to occupy in the circuit of life. A First National Bank of Big Timber, from whose sworn statements of condition, is realizing a rapid increase in the volume of business transacted by its patrons. Mr. Hall, the gentlemanly cashier, zealously guards the interests of all—the depositor, the borrower and the dividend. The activity in exchange and traffic observable at the several commercial houses, is, to say the least, surprising. This system of sale is conducted on the basis of the dollar, of our "dads" one hundred cents worth of merchandise for a silver dollar. Three hotels and three eating houses, the Grand hotel situated in the business

portion of the city, is the leading house, as the name indicates. The proprietor is a genial, attentive and accommodating gentleman. He neglects no labor necessary for the comfort of his patrons, and always takes pleasure in administering to the calls of the inner man. The saloon element—well, it will require more thumbs and fingers than you are possessed of to tally them off. The proprietors can be hit for a morning's morning, but their bar tenders, who are neat and tidy, all wear that benevolent appearance which invites alike the weary to a vacant chair, and the thirsty to a glass of water and a toothpick. There are two lumber yards both of which carry a heavy supply of building material. Indeed, the activity of the professional individual and firms, whose services are more or less in demand together with the mechanical industries under successful operation give to the city an atmosphere of prosperity. The resident population, the ladies especially, are like spring among the roses, redolent with beauty and freshness. The mysteries of the social circle is a blank page to the writer, but as sound is impressed on the wax, and reproduced by the phonograph, why not reflection of influences be transmitted. If so, the pleasant countenances and affable demeanor of one of the attaches of a business house here indexes the entire volume of cultured refinement.

This year will be an important one to the city, perhaps much more so than any for years to come. Various improvements are needed, and the people will be glad to see it attended to, but at the same time, they will not want to be burdened with unnecessary taxation, or bonded into debt beyond recovery. A noticeable feature with all the new structures for business purposes is that they are commodious and substantially built, more for room and convenience than for architectural design. In fact the general make up of the city will go far to impress the visitor, in regard to a future resident location in Montana. Considered as an important factor of the city, the BIG TIMBER PIONEER, a clean, newsy sheet, published in the city, is handled with a high order of ability. The ripe judgment of its editor seldom errs in matters pertaining to the betterment of the people. The city is also singularly fortunate in the selection of its local officers. On the street or in the execution of official duty their conduct and deportment will not accord with the son, who went east to his (twice defeated for office) rather, saying, come out here, there are mighty mean men elected to office. Adjoining the populous city of Chicago, and when in comparison during the fair might be called a one horse town, but in the great and prosperous state of Montana, a one man town—NEVER. JONAH.

They Are Seen Again.
It is wonderful the number of places that have been visited by Gay and Gross since their escape from Castle. The latest "sight" of them is described as follows, in a special to the Butte Miner from Bozeman:

"Has Gay and Gross been at Bozeman, is the question now agitating our people. Mr. Peters, formerly of Castle, stubbornly maintains that he saw them in front of the post-office. Gay was on foot and was hurrying along. Peters did not notify the officers at all, but about an hour afterwards told a friend who gave the alarm. Sheriff Caldwell of this county, and Sheriff Joe Haines of Madison, then started in pursuit of the men. Some one else had seen and described the desperadoes who were going west. It is now believed that the sheriffs were unintentionally put upon a false trail which would lead them to Dave Van Horn and Jim Howell, two Sloean boomers. It is believed by the officers who talked with Peters that he really saw Gay, and that the Meagher county cutthroats are now in hiding near this city en route to the Springs after their women folks."

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