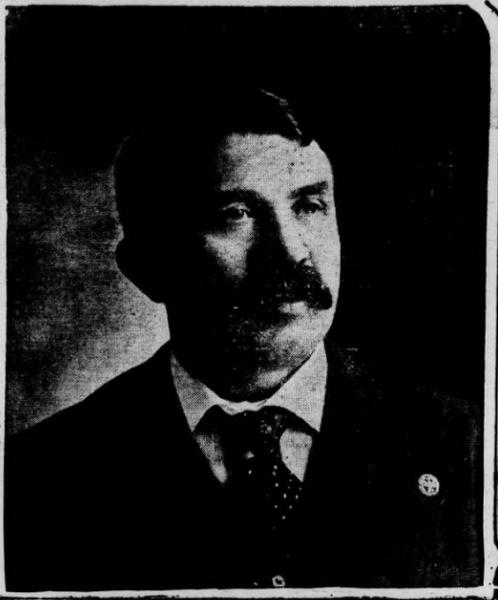
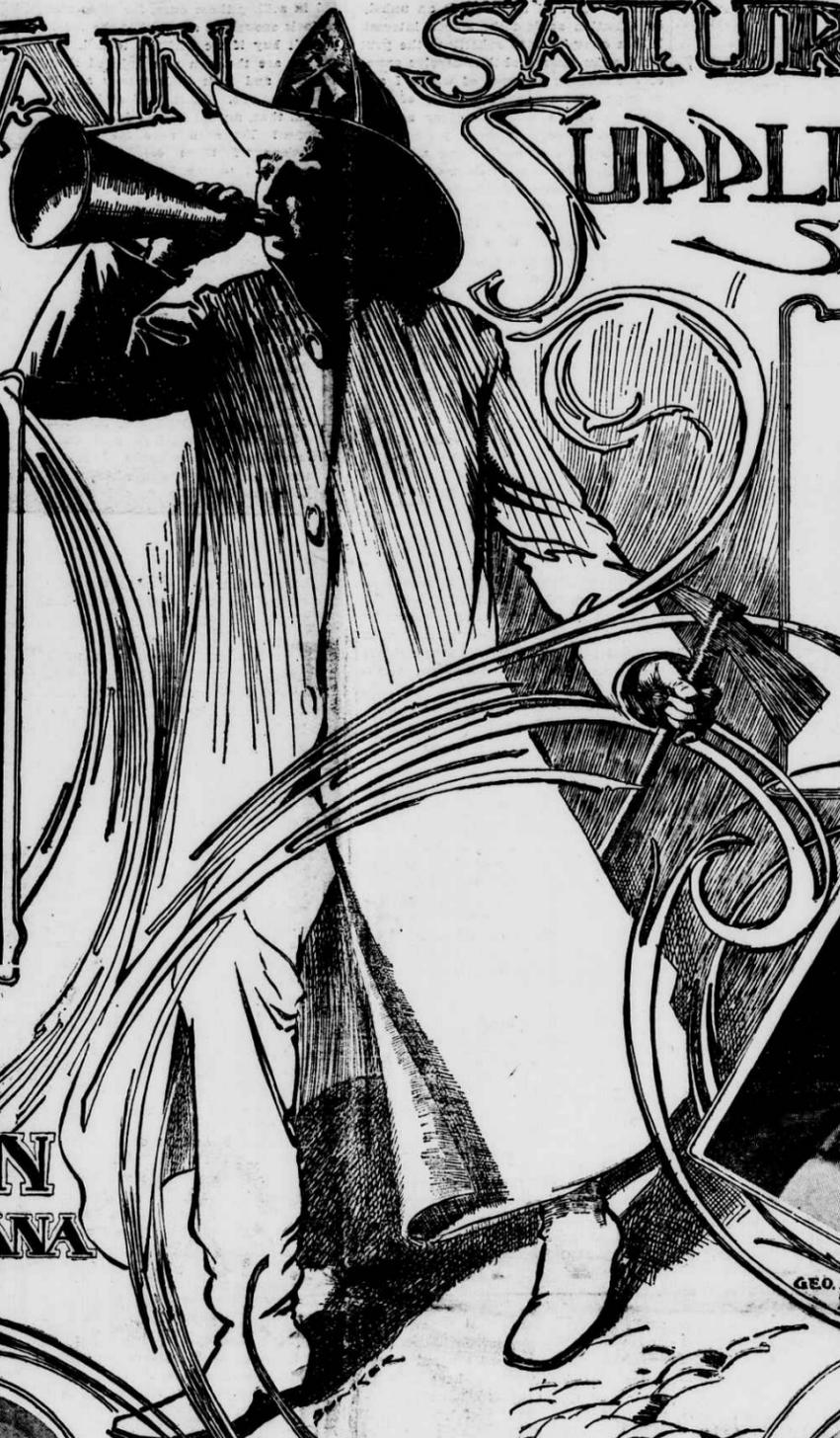


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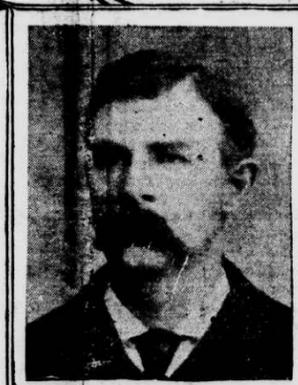


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FIRE FIGHTERS OF THE STATE WILL MEET IN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT MISSOULA. IT WILL BE THE LARGEST GATHERING OF THE KIND IN MONTANA'S HISTORY.

IN A convention, which promises to be the largest of its kind ever held in the state, the fire laddies of Montana will assemble at Missoula, Wednesday, Oct. 2. The affair will be the regular annual gathering of the Montana State Firemen's association which will be in session four days, concluding Oct. 5. Delegates from the eight principal fire departments of the state will be attendance, in addition to members of the city councils of the various cities and others interested in the matter of fighting fire for the protection of lives and property.

The convention will be formally opened by Mayor Stevens of Missoula, who will turn the keys of the town over to his visitors. All the usual convention business, including the election of officers to serve during the ensuing year, will be transacted and the place of meeting for the following year decided upon. In addition there will be several displays of various fire fighting apparatus, practical demonstrations of the handling of fire and a discussion of all modern appliances and methods for the benefit of all. Since the last convention, held at Helena, there have been many improvements in the fire departments of the various cities and towns throughout the state. In every instance the benefits accruing to the departments and to the public have been numerous and in some instances more so than in others. The result is that some of the fire departments are further advanced than others in the matter of fighting flames, and it is these who will, by a discussion of the methods employed by them, acquaint those not so far advanced, with all the details of what experience has taught. Even those not so far advanced, generally speaking, have learned some things which are not known by the more up-to-date departments and what theory and practice they will have to contribute to the convention, will be of interest and value to all the other delegates.

In the matter of appliances and apparatus, the convention will have the advantage of several exhibits of manufacturers. Experts will handle the devices and will demonstrate their uses. Thus every delegate, at the conclusion of the convention, return to his respective home department, with the knowledge that he has attended a school of practical instruction and learned much that will be of value to him and his subordinates, in protecting the lives and property of the citizens of his city or town, as the case may be.

When the convention is brought to an end, which will be after the next meeting place has been decided upon, the delegates will enjoy an excursion to Hamilton, there to be the guests of the city for a day or possibly two days. That will

be Oct. 5. After that the delegates will return to their respective homes to again assume charge of their various duties and the convention of 1901 will be a thing of the past and the convention of 1902 a thing to be looked forward to.

There seems to be a strong impression that the next convention will be held in Billings. In that event Chief J. C. Bond, of Billings, will be the next president of the Montana State Firemen's association. That will be following the usual custom, to have the president of the association a resident of the place in which the next convention will be held. It is done as a matter of courtesy and convenience and for other reasons. The present president of the association is Chief E. W. Walling, of Missoula. He will be in the chair at the coming convention and will not give way to his successor until the gathering of next year convenes.

In addition to having a president the association has eight vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer. The choice of the secretary and treasurer is made at random, from the delegates in attendance, but the choice of the vice-presidents is made so that each of the cities represented has one. There are just eight fire departments from as many cities represented.

The present secretary is E. C. Mix, of Missoula, and the present treasurer is George Lapp, of Butte. The vice-presidents are: First, Chief J. C. Bond, of Billings; second, ex-Chief J. F. O'Connell, of Helena; third, Chief Peter Sanger, of Butte; fourth, Chief Samuel French, of Great Falls; fifth, Chief R. S. Mentrum, of Anaconda; sixth, J. A. Munger, of Bozeman; seventh, Chief J. C. Bopp, of Lewiston, and eighth, F. Bender, of Livingston. All will be delegates to the coming convention, as will be Chief P. W. Nelson, of Livingston, past president of the association and others.

In Art Circles of Butte.

A CURSORY review of the art circles this week, before the throwing open of the various studios now in course of formation, reveals a strong undercurrent of decision to "do things" this winter. This through the ranks of the amateurs, as well as with professionals; art circles at present are a hot bed of enthusiasm.

Few are familiar with the fact that Butte, situated among the wild west hills from which the sulphur fumes of the mines has vanished all vestige of color, and all that should make toward the beautifying of a mountainous section such as this, is yet an art center.

From Montana has enamored artists whose names in the realm of art are now of national repute. Russell and Paxson should be mentioned in this particular. Remington spent, no doubt, much of his time roaming through the basins and among the hills obtaining material for canvases that adorn many of the most select public and private collections of the country.

Following these there are now present in Butte a few artists who bid fair to take up their work most worthily, though the individuality of the artists has till now failed to assert itself to any marked degree.

Perhaps the first of the artists now resident here is Miss Florence E. Cooney, of 614 West Park street. Miss Cooney is a graduate of the Art Institute at Chicago, where she has spent the last few years in arduous study perfecting herself in technique, while at the same time giving much attention to the diversified treatment of incident and scenic effect by the old and modern masters. Miss Cooney will open a pretty studio at her home on or about the 1st of October, where she will direct her classes after the accepted mode of the eastern institutes.

Miss Bernice S. Cox, who has a studio at 16 West Broadway, is another local artist of considerable promise. A number of large paintings on exhibition at the studio are of no mean merit. Especially true is this of several of the landscapes, one of which, some six feet by four, shows a cataract plunging through a rocky defile, with dense woods on either side. The contrast of the darkened forest with the white spray of the leaping water lends to the picture an effect beautiful in the extreme.

Miss Cox has a number of pupils in her classes, many of whom show rare promise. There are many youngsters with ages ranging from seven to four-

teen, who are little less than prodigies. An exhibition of their work was recently given in one of the windows of the Schatzlein Paint company, where they attracted much attention. Their work, considering their ages, is truly wonderful; if the younger generation is any criterion of what the older pupils are able to produce, Miss Cox is to be congratulated on her methods.

It is in the art of china painting that Mesdames Laughlin, Grigg and Clarke

excel. These artists have presented many specimens of their best work to admiring friends, and a number are truly works of art in the highest sense of the word. Their instruction, for the most part, has been gleaned in the east.

Several sketch schools are in contemplation by the different artists of the city, to be thrown open probably on or about the first of the month. Their doings will be chronicled in the columns of the Inter Mountain from time to time.

CLOCK STOPPED AT INSTANT PRESIDENT PASSED AWAY.

"It was merely a coincidence," said John S. Moseby, Jr., "but just the same I am going to have a clockmaker fix that clock so it will register forever the instant of President McKinley's death."

"I live in the Broadway, and a Mr. Irby, formerly a mine foreman in Butte, was my guest last Friday night. We stayed down town late, reading the bulletins from Buffalo, and at 11 o'clock I compared my watch with the city time and found it exactly right."

"We reached my room at 11:45 and I then compared my watch with the clock. That was correct, too. Then we sat talking a long time, and finally Irby said: 'I don't believe that clock's right. The clock had stopped, something I have never known it to do before, except for want of winding.'"

"Irby reached for the clock, to start it, but I stopped him. 'I believe that clock stopped when President McKinley died,' I said. I moved the time piece back carefully where no inadvertent touch could disturb it, then went to bed and to sleep."

"Next morning I found that, allowing for the difference in time, and for the delay made by the doctor to be sure the president was really dead, that my clock indicated the instant of President McKinley's demise."

"Irby and I shall both make affidavits to the facts, and these will be preserved with the clock."