

# Anaconda News.

## CLERKS' BUSY TIME

POSTOFFICE AND EXPRESS COMPANIES DO BIG BUSINESS.

## FRUIT CAKES TO DIAMONDS

Such is the Nature of the Christmas Presents Sent to All Parts of the Country—Employees Overworked.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Dec. 23.—A passing glance into the postoffice or into the express offices on any afternoon will convince the casual observer that the Christmas season is on good and plenty. They are crowded and busy the greater part of the day.

In the postoffice it is not so bad; that is, on the outside.

The people go in and mail their packages or have them registered, as the case may be, and then make room for those behind them. The clerks behind the glass are the ones that feel the rush of business.

When people do not, as a rule, tell the contents of a registered package. But in the express offices it is much different. Everything, from fruit cakes to diamonds, are brought in for transportation to various parts of the country, and in many instances to foreign countries.

The express man has troubles, trials and tribulations, which would drive him crazy if he did not know that the rush would be over in a short time and that his patrons would then become sane again.

Things will go on this way until probably two days before Christmas. Then the tide will turn and the packages, instead of being sent away, will be coming in.

That is when the clerks are registered. Some one has received a package which has been damaged in some way, no matter if it was not packed so tight, and the local expressman comes in for the blame. Overworked as he is, it is not strange that he sometimes loses his temper.

During the busy holiday season he must get up early, when other people lie in bed. He must hitch up his horse, and after the bundles have been sorted starts delivering, so that the Christmas presents may be received the day before, instead of the day after, Christmas.

The work of the mail carrier and the postal clerk is not much different. The immense loads that the carriers find it necessary to take out is something fearful.

Inside the office the mailing clerks are almost buried under packages and letters of all sizes and descriptions. It is always necessary at this time of the year to increase the force about the post-office.

The telegraph also comes in for a

share of the holiday trade, although rarely the day or two before Christmas. Then those who have friends whom they have forgotten until the last moment wire other friends to make appropriate gifts in their names and save them no small amount of embarrassment, for the chances are that they have already received little remembrances from these same people.

Then on Christmas day come the annual good wishes by wire and the little things that go to show that every one is remembered by every one else during the time of universal thanksgiving and good cheer.

## STOREY'S HIGH SCORE.

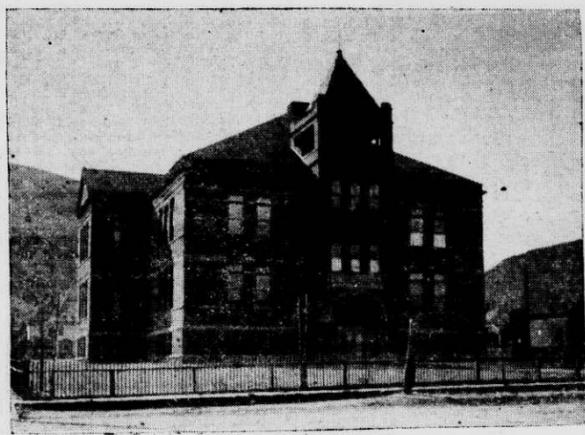
Made in the Two Man Bowling Contest.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)  
Anaconda, Dec. 23.—In last night's bowling tournament of two man teams, Storey and Flynn made the highest score with 1129 pins in three games. Storey's average was 212 2-3; Flynn's 161. There was not an average below 161. The next contest will be Wednesday night.

## SCHOOL FUNDS.

Clerk of Anaconda's Education Board Makes Report.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)  
Anaconda, Dec. 23.—At the meeting of the school board held last night, Harvey Nell, clerk of the board, rendered a statement showing the financial condition of the public schools of Anaconda up to the present time. The receipts of the present year have been \$63,025.67, and the total expenditures to December 17, \$51,117.60, leaving a balance of \$11,908.07. The district still owes the bank \$2267.15,



Lincoln School, Anaconda.

## BIG INCREASE SHOWN.

Hearst Library Growing in Favor With Anaconda Citizens.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)  
Anaconda, Dec. 23.—The records of the Hearst free library, which institution is maintained by Mrs. P. A. Hearst of California, for the past 11 months shows a very gratifying increase in the number of books issued and attendance over the corresponding period of last year from January 1 to November 30 inclusive.

In 1900 the total number of books issued during the period named was 24,823 against 32,448 during the present year, an increase of 7520.

The attendance in the reference department in the first 11 months of last year was 17,168 against 19,093 this year, an increase of 1825.

Miss Elizabeth L. Thomson is chief librarian at the library with Robert Edmonds assistant.

## Masonic Election.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)  
Anaconda, Dec. 23.—Officers were elected by the members of Acacia lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., at a meeting held last night as follows:  
Worshipful master, J. W. Jarvis; senior warden, Frank Kennedy; junior warden, E. E. Littler; treasurer, J. C. Keppeler; secretary, H. Redmond; senior deacon, E. A. MacDonald; junior steward, W. M. Montgomery; senior steward, E. E. Weaver; junior steward, Griffith Morris; Tyler, Joseph Smith.

## Mrs. Coakley Dead.

(By Associated Press.)  
Anaconda, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Nora Coakley, mother of Mrs. John R. Walkup and Mrs. J. L. Chrystal, died yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness at the age of 73 years. She was a native of Ireland and came to America in the early part of her life. She has resided in Anaconda about three years. She has two daughters and two sons living.

# SPORTING NEWS



A meeting of baseball enthusiasts will be held at the Finlen tomorrow night for the purpose of organizing the Butte company to handle the local team. There is little question of J. J. McCloskey being chosen manager of the Butte team.

"Young" Thomas and "Kid" Foley surprised some 200 sports at the Finlen Millie Road house last night by staying in the ring for 20 rounds through what was a fact and evenly balanced rill.

Both men fought well but neither had steam sufficient to land a knockout punch. It was a clever boxing exhibition rather than a bruising prize fight and as such gave the best of satisfaction. At the end of the 20th round Referee Billy Smith announced a draw which decision met with the approval of the crowd.

Foley did most of the leading during the left swing but repeatedly missed right and left swings. Thomas was clever and succeeded in avoiding punishment and in getting out of some close corners through fast foot work. Neither man was severely punished and both were strong as the going tapped for the finish.

Mose LaFontise, William Tenny and Jerry McCarthy were in Foley's corner, and Jack Wade, "Frog" LaFontise and Jack Livingston were behind Thomas. "Kid" Munford and Johnny Burns went on for a preliminary of four rounds in which the latter got the decision.

Jack Wade and "Kid" Ople have been matched for a 20-round go to be pulled off about January 10. The men will fight at 135 pounds with a side bet of \$1000 on Wade against \$500 on Ople.

The fight is expected to prove one of the best pulled off in this territory. Ople has been touted for many weeks as the coming man who is to hand the Montana champion the punch that wins. The men have fought twice, each getting a decision. For this reason Ople is believed to have a better show against the hard hitting favorite than any other man in the local field.

Wade is being sought for by the Helena backers of Goodman again. The latter was recently defeated by the champion under the name of Yanger and is anxious for a return match. Helena money is up to \$2500 against \$1000, which Wade people look on as an easy bet. The prospect for a second match are good just now.

When Joe Walcott put Rube Ferns out of the running for the welterweight championship at the Fort Erie Athletic club near Buffalo the other night in five rounds, there was immediately a large chunk of noses uncompromisingly to Walcott thrown into the air. Walcott's easy victory over Ferns and his win with money at all pleasing to the boys in the ring, isn't at all pleasing to the boys with money who lost out in the fight between Walcott and that king of dubs, Kid Carter, in San Francisco.

Walcott is, it is claimed, either crooked as in any of the crooked pugs, or he's an in and out fighter who will take cakes from Oscar Gardner. Many have contended that Walcott quit yellow in the Carter fight. If it wasn't a job, then the colored man has rounded to in wonderful style as he has since the coast performance. There are losers on the "Cash" tier fight who would like to know just where the colored man is when the money is offered.

Walcott is now out with a challenge for any man in the world in his class, and makes a specialty of including Tommy Ryan. Now, wouldn't it be funny if the Hebrew pug with the Irish name should be roped into a fight with Walcott? It would be a fight worth going to Billings to see.

It looks out here in Montana as if "Tonsillitis Tommy" would have to do some grand aerial stunts now to dodge the Walcott challenge. He can't draw the color lines because his ring record includes battles with the "Coffee Cooler" and his excuse that he has whipped every man who defeated Walcott won't go with goodie sports.

Tommy should give Walcott the small end of a fight, but then it would be the hardest battle he has fought for many a day and that isn't the kind of game the ex-Houseman protegee is looking for. Tommy is always looking for something easy notwithstanding the fact that he is one of the greatest of the ring generals and a master of the game at every stage.

Just once has the smooth boy with large tomahawk bested in jockeying for a fight and that was when he went into the McCoy trap at Mespeeth. Once was enough for Tommy and he isn't going out for anything but sure things now. Tommy Ryan has grown rich at the pugilistic game but he has earned every cent—if not with his fists, then through the use of his headpiece in figuring out easy matches. Today he is rated at \$42,000 and the Semitic descendant is not going to hand any of the roll over to the African race.

No, there won't be any fight between Walcott and Tommy Ryan—at least not at present.

This is the way Otto Floto of the Denver Post gloats over George Lavigne's victory against Tim Hagerty:

"The one thing that pleased fight-goers most during the past week was the manner in which George Lavigne disposed of the Australian champion, Tim Hagerty, at Oakland, Thursday night last. Hagerty came to this country boomed to the skies. There was simply nothing to it. He was going to wallop up the earth with our featherweight division and do it in double quick order, too. A month or so ago he wrote to Australia and claimed that none of our American boxers were what they represented to be. He would show them what he would do just as soon as given a chance. Well, he got the opportunity he so longed for and it didn't take Lavigne long to demonstrate his superiority. Hagerty came over to this land of the free to trim Terry McGovern. Just why the pair never clashed is something never satisfactorily explained.

Both McGovern and Hagerty were in San Francisco at the same time and yet nothing ever came of it. Some say Sam Harris was to blame, while others assert that Hagerty could not have been drawn into the ring with Terry with a rope. Be that as it may, Timothy Hagerty is ready to be expressed back to Australia C. O. D."

Well if Otto only knew it, Lavigne was so nearly licked in that fight that he probably won't take the chance again. Hagerty fought all around his man and but for the fact that he got gay and started the clown act, only to run up against a settling punch which should never have landed, Otto would be shedding tears over the Lavigne pugilistic corpse. George can't do it again Mr. Floto.

Claude Billings is the euphonius name of a gentleman who has been delving in the Utah mines until he has come to the conclusion that he is a pugilist. Mr. Billings has sent out a deft to Champion Jim Jeffries, whom he swears he can lambast into a state of coma for money, marbles or chalk. Claude is evidently feeling well, but the champion doesn't hear those kind of yowls. Go out and lick some one, Claude, and then go to Salt Lake and have "Lovey" frame your picture.

Memphis will be thrown open to the pug the first of the year again and once more the Phoenix club of that stricken city will rise from the legal ashes. Paddy Carroll has been asked to emigrate with his brogue from Chicago to the yellow fever belt and do the announcing for the Tennesseans.

George Tebeau says he has signed six California men for the American association ball team at Kansas City, two of whom are Oscar Jones of Los Angeles, pitcher, and E. L. Nordyke of San Francisco, outfielder. Tebeau is going ahead with the American association but he will go up against a hard, very hard wall when he strikes Jimmie Manning's representative, Jimmie Whitfield, who is the Western league president this year.

S. H. Harris has sent to the newspapers a circular letter demanding William Rothwell, ("Young Corbett") for refusing to give McGovern a return match at once.

The letter is being sent to every newspaper of prominence in the country in an endeavor to work up a sentiment against the Denver fighter. Mr. Harris demands that Rothwell shall at once name a date for another fight.

If Rothwell does the proper thing, he will tell McGovern to keep his promise with Frank Erne before he makes too many demands on the Colorado man. McGovern fought Erne at 125 pounds, agreeing to a return match at 130 pounds if he won.

He did win and Erne was never able to get the return match. Before the McGovern camp says too much about broken promises, why not keep a few made by its own representatives?

Tom Sharkey is in training for his bout with Peter Maher, which will be decided in Philadelphia on January 17. Sharkey has been doing light training for the past two weeks in expectation of a match with Jeffries, but now that a fight with Maher is an assured fixture he has decided to increase his schedule.

"Jack" McCormick, of Philadelphia, will assist Sharkey in his preparation. McCormick, Sharkey believes, is an excellent man to work with, as he is just as good a wrestler as he is a boxer.

As Maher is a pretty hard puncher Sharkey intends to put himself in the best possible condition in order to be able to withstand the Irishman's delivery, if such is necessary.

Although the bout is only limited to six rounds, the result will mean much to Sharkey, inasmuch as the Sailor expects to clinch a match with Jeffries next month.

The closing date for stake entries for next year at Memphis and also the Tennessee Derby and Oaks of 1903 is January 7, instead of January 1, as heretofore announced.

Jack O'Grady, the clever Canadian featherweight champion, is out with a sweeping challenge to fight any man in the country at 124 pounds. O'Grady has been suffering for sometime with an abscess in his ear, but is all right now and is ready for business.

Who would have thought that Perry Queenan was not an Irishman? As to plain fact, Queenan is a Bohemian, and his name is Henry Zak. He took an Irish name, and has a distinctly Irish physiognomy.

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- Ladies' Watches, \$15.00, and as low as 7.50
- Gents' watches, \$20.00, and as low as 1.50
- Ladies' bracelets, \$35.00, and as low as 1.50
- Opera glasses, \$35.00, and as low as 3.50
- Field-glasses, \$50.00, and as low as 7.50
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which, deducted, leaves a balance of \$9640.88. From the state the district is yet to receive about \$5000, so from \$14,000 to \$15,000 more revenue can be counted on this year than usual.

The district will be almost clear from debt by the close of the year.

Clerk Nell reported that \$17,000 of the money expended this year was employed in taking up outstanding bonds.

The receipts came from the following sources:  
March 2, from the state apportionment, \$4096.70; March 21, from the district's share of the \$30,000 bribery money in the hands of the state treasurer, \$134.64; August 6, from the Daily Inheritance tax, \$19,828.93; December 3, from county tax, \$26,216.80; December 17, from county tax, \$11,908.58. Total, \$63,025.63.

Needed repairs are to be made at the several school buildings during the holiday vacation.

## SAM LANDRY ARRESTED.

His Case Promises Some Sensational Features.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)  
Anaconda, Dec. 23.—Early yesterday morning Aldermen Gagner, O'Leary and Steurnagle waited upon Police Officer Powers, and commanded him to go with them and make some arrests at the corner of Hickory street and Commercial avenue, in the building owned by Sam Landry.

Landry was arrested on the charge of conducting an evil resort, in violation of city ordinances. Several women were also arrested and lodged in jail.

Chief Taylor was not advised of the proposed raid, and the city attorney had not been notified of the case up to noon today. Alderman Gagner swore to the complaints against the alleged offenders, drawn by County Attorney Duffy and Attorney T. O'Leary. Complaints were filed with Police Judge Hayes this afternoon. The case will probably have a hearing tonight or tomorrow.

City Attorney Sawyer will object to Duffy and O'Leary appearing as attorneys to prosecute the case, hence sensational features are promised.

## "A Philosophic Tramp."

(Special to Inter Mountain.)  
Anaconda, Dec. 23.—Webster says the definition of the word "tramp" is a foot applied to the human being, is a foot tramped, a stroller, vagrant, vagabond—any of the above terms would apply to "Weary Willie" (the tramp) in "The Convict's Daughter," one of the most powerful dramatic plays by an American author ever produced in this country. But the author has departed from the old conventional lines and made the character a noble one and on a higher grade than the usual stage tramp. The hero of "Philosophic Tramp" as the author calls him is skilled, determined, cool and rational. His very presence on the stage intensifies the dramatic scenes, its brilliancy of dialogue and its wealth of beautiful scenery has made the play one of the successes of the season.

"The Convict's Daughter" will be the attraction at the Margaret theater tonight.

Miss Maud Heinhach, teacher in the Lincoln school, left for Butte this morning, where she will spend a few days with friends before going to Missoula, where she will attend the teachers' institute next week.

## SPEND VACATION AT HOME.

Deer Lodge Sisters School Pupils Visiting Parents.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)  
Anaconda, Dec. 23.—Under the care of Sister Mary Borgia, 14 Anaconda children who are attending the Sisters' school in Deer Lodge, arrived home yesterday to spend the Christmas vacation. At the same time Sister Vida accompanied to Butte 36 children from that city, who are in attendance at the school.

The vacation ends on Sunday after the new year, and on that day the Anaconda pupils will assemble at St. Ann's hospital, where they will be met by Sister Borgia and be conducted to Deer Lodge on the evening train.

The pupils from this city are the three Misses Fursts, Misses Leah Harney, Annie Deppe, Pearl and Hazel Kennedy, two Misses O'Leary, Augusta Tell, Emily Collins and Pearl McGowan.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

A. D. T. messengers. Tel. No. 2.

Charles Fleishman returned to Butte after a brief stay in the smelter city.

County Assessor Miller is spending the holidays with his family in Deer Lodge.

Latest music. Lyman's music store.

Mrs. Klepetko and children have returned from Salt Lake to spend Christmas.

Dr. O. C. Evans will leave for Helena tonight to spend the holidays with relatives.

Louisville Liquor company—Schlitz Export Beer \$3.75 per case; 50c rebate on empties.

Frank Napton of Butte, brother of Judge and H. P. Napton, was in the city yesterday.

J. W. Smurr and family leave tomorrow to spend the week with relatives and friends in Deer Lodge.

Mrs. J. F. Hickey and daughter, with Mrs. Carr and Joseph, have returned from a three months' stay in Tacoma.

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Archie McCormick leaves tomorrow morning for Nelhart, where he will spend several days to look over his interests there.

The funeral of the late Anna Maria Connors will take place at 9 a. m. tomorrow morning, December 24, from her late residence in Carroll.

Hazel Mary Munson, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Munson, died yesterday at the family residence, 920 1/2 East Park avenue.

The local lodge of Degree of Pochontas initiated 25 new members into the order last night, after which a social session lasting until a late hour was held.

Eight Anaconda boys who are attending Gonzaga college arrived home from Spokane last night to spend vacation. Among them are Richard McHale, Peters, Morgan and Hennigan. At the Montana—Edward M. Conant, Minneapolis; Fred J. Rowlands, L. G. Wild, J. C. Dyer, Butte; H. F. Field, Omaha; C. R. Davis, Chicago; L. S. Jamison, Bozeman; T. M. Snyder, Minneapolis; C. E. Sackett, Miss Nellie Shaughnessy, Butte; C. M. Lovsted, Minneapolis; J. E. Heney, Butte.