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HUNT IS PLEAS
EXECUTIVE TALKS ABOUT THE MEETING IN HELENA.
WAS ONCE A BUTTE MAN

Courteously Treated in the Capital City—Leaves for His Home in Boise This Morning—Land Office Talks.

Governor Hunt of Idaho came in on yesterday's train from Helena where he had been attending the conference which met to consider the merger proposition. At the Thornton yesterday the governor said he felt very well satisfied at the result of the meeting. Referring to a clause in the resolutions which he introduced at the meeting, and which reads:

"Resolved, further, That one of the conclusions reached by this conference is that government ownership of the great transcontinental lines must be the ultimate remedy to apply where such roads combine with the power to absolutely control the business of the country," and which was practically rejected by the majority of the members of the conference, Governor Hunt said that he was perfectly satisfied with the resolutions as adopted.

"We were very nicely treated by Governor Toole and the citizens of Helena," said the governor, "and we all carry away very pleasant recollections of our visit."

"No, indeed, I am no stranger in Helena," said he, "this is my old home; many changes have taken place since I was here, but most of my old friends are still here."

Governor Hunt left this morning over the Oregon Short Line for Boise City.

C. A. Whipple, chief deputy state land agent, and one of Townsend's enterprising citizens, is staying at the Flin. Mr. Whipple was a member of the famous fifth legislature, where he distinguished himself in leading the fight for the Broadwater county bill, and for his success in which he won the title of "The father of Broadwater."

In the last legislature Mr. Whipple occupied the position of secretary for the senate.

"The state owns some 5,000,000 acres of land, of which it has sold about 350,000," said he yesterday. "Small cattle owners sometimes complain of the leasing or sale of large tracts of land by the big cattle companies, but there is plenty of range for all, and the state derives a considerable revenue from the land of which it disposes."

Mr. Whipple formerly lived in Butte, having been interested in mines at Basin and Bernice. He is renewing acquaintance with old friends in the city and will leave tomorrow for Townsend.

HE IS A BAD ACTOR
EVAN FISHER IS IN TROUBLE AND IN JAIL.

FAMILIAR FIGURE IN COURT
Made a Rough House of His Home Yesterday and Commenced the New Year in Durance Vile.

Evan Fisher, the assayer who has been arrested repeatedly on charges of drunkenness and wife beating, was once more the central figure in police court this morning. Fisher was arrested yesterday afternoon on charges of disturbance and of throwing scalding hot water on his wife.

The regular appearance of Fisher in police court and his invariable discharge by the judge, or the compromise of his cases, has caused considerable comment about the city hall and in police circles. Though it speaks volumes for the ability of his attorney to successfully pull clients through close pinches, it reveals a lack of something which reflects on municipal justice.

This time Fisher went to his home and threw the dinner being prepared for his wife and children out into the snow and refused to allow them even the solace of a New Year's meal free from intrusion.

Used Woman's Weapon.

When his wife attempted to persuade him to go away for the sake of the children, the man grabbed a pot of boiling water and threw it at her. Mrs. Fisher failed to appear in police court this morning and thinking she was too badly scalded to get out of the house the police held back the charge of assault in the second degree which had been prepared and will wait until she has been consulted.

Fisher's family has been placed in distressing circumstances owing to his habits. A short time ago Mrs. Fisher applied for a divorce and alimony, stating that she could no longer submit to her husband's cruelty, notwithstanding that she had suffered in silence for the sake of the children who would be left without any support.

In police court this morning Fisher pleaded not guilty to the charge of disturbance and grinned when his case was set for trial. From his joking manner the dinnerless children and suffering wife were farthest from his thoughts.

Some of Fisher's associates in the dingy city jail were more open in their admissions of guilt. Al Livingston, John Cornet, John Soki and Jim Colder, all but the first giving fictitious names, were ready to plead guilty to the charge of drunkenness. Each was fined \$5.

Ruth O'Donnell, who was arrested on a charge of frequenting saloons, was allowed to plead guilty to drunkenness and was fined \$5. Burt Lahr for the second time forfeited his bond put up to cover a charge of disturbance.

Pat Holland, Frank Cashey and James Sullivan were again gathered in by the police New Year's eve and this morning pleaded not guilty to the charge of vagrancy. They are being tried this afternoon.

As a result of the new orders of the chief of police that women in the tenement must stay indoors, Babe Bartlett and Gladys Moran were arrested for defying the order and this morning were fined \$10 each.

CONTEMPT CHARGED
ANACONDA COMPANY EMPLOYEES CITED TO APPEAR IN COURT.
DID NOT MAKE MINE SURVEY

Broken Engine Prevents Compliance With Court's Order—Heinze Engineers Refuse to Climb Ladderway.

F. Augustus Heinze wants certain officials of the Anaconda company punished for contempt of court because of the inability of his engineers to get into the underground workings of the Anaconda mine.

Last week Judge Clancy granted Heinze permission to make a survey of the Anaconda workings. The Fairmount claim, in which Heinze claims an interest, adjoins the Anaconda. Heinze asserted that the Anaconda had crossed over into the Fairmount. On this contention he asked for an order of survey. The attorneys for the Anaconda company fought against the issuance of the order on the ground that Heinze had disposed of his interests in the Fairmount after the suit had been started.

At the hearing it was shown that Heinze had transferred his interest to the Nipper Mining company.

Judge Clancy held that this transfer did not deprive him of his rights, and issued the order.

Several days ago the Heinze engineers went to the mines of the Anaconda company. In the meantime an accident to the engine had necessitated the closing of the property.

The engineers were told they could climb down the ladder, as it was impossible to lower them on this was a refusal of the court's order, and have instituted contempt proceedings against certain of the Anaconda company's employees.

Cited to Appear Monday.

The defendants in the contempt matter are Superintendent John O'Neill, Chief Engineer August Christian and Engineer Edmund Kent. Judge Clancy has made an order citing the officials named to appear before him on January 6, next Monday, and answer to the charge of contempt for "disobeying the order for a survey, inspection and examination" in the case.

J. H. Terrie and a number of Heinze's scientific and engineering staff went to the works of the St. Lawrence and Anaconda mines on Tuesday. They made demands upon Superintendent O'Neill and Engineers Christian and Kent to lower them into the mines.

It happened that the machinery at the mines was not in operation, and the Anaconda men were unable to comply with the demand. Mr. Terrie and those with him were unable to carry Judge Clancy's order into effect.

As a result, the contempt proceedings were instituted. The matter is based upon an affidavit made by Mr. Terrie and endorsed by G. W. Turner, who, with Alfred Frank, B. W. Turner and A. L. Stadler, composed the little band of Heinze's men who desired to get into the Anaconda company's mines and make observations.

Did Not Go Down the Ladder.

In his affidavit Mr. Terrie relates that he and his companions made demands upon the defendants in the contempt matter to be allowed into the mines. He alleges that the demand was refused. He also says that Mr. O'Neill told him that it would not be safe to attempt to go down the shafts by means of the ladders.

Terrie also alleges that certain openings from the Nipper mine into the Anaconda mine have been bulkheaded up since Judge Clancy made the order of survey. He asserts that this has been done to prevent the proposed inspectors and surveyors from entering the mines ordered inspected and surveyed by means of the Nipper's shaft.

The affiant says that an entrance into the Anaconda and St. Lawrence mines can only be effected by the use of the machinery at them, and that the agents and employees of the Anaconda company refuse to assist the plaintiff to get into the mine by the use of the machinery.

HE LIVED IN BUTTE
ATTORNEY PORTER AN OLD TIME RESIDENT OF SILVER BOW.
RANGE CONDITIONS IN CUSTER

Horse Market Is Better Than It Has Been for Years, Plenty of Grass on Range and No Snow.

Attorney T. J. Porter of Miles City, republican candidate for attorney general in 1900, is staying at the Thornton. He was at one time a resident of Butte and moved to Miles City a dozen years ago.

Mr. Porter has, besides his law practice, considerable stock interests in Custer county. He reports the range in that section in excellent condition, a good crop of grass and comparatively no snow.

"The horse market down there has been busy of late," said he. "My partner, Mr. Strevell, not long ago sold about 900 head of horses at \$25 per head, and the man to whom he sold them took them across the Canadian line to Calgary and sold them for \$30 ahead."

"It is not so very long ago since they were so cheap that you couldn't get \$5 ahead for them. The Boer war has helped the horse business too. Several buyers for the English army have been down there of late; they want horses that will weigh from 1000 to 1200 pounds, and pay from \$25 to \$40 for them, halter-broke."

"The political pot is beginning to simmer down our way," said Mr. Porter. "I expect to see a new name on the roll of congress for Montana after the next election. He will be a republican, from Butte, too."

Mr. and Mrs. Porter will leave tomorrow for their home at Miles City.

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