BUTTE INTER MOUNTAIN.

VOL. XXI. NO. 264 — BUTTE, MONTANA, THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30, 1902. — PRICE FIVE CENTS

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE WANT WAR TAXES REPEALED

UNANIMOUSLY AGREE TO REPORT BILL TO ANNUL SPANISH WAR REVENUE ACT.

CHAIRMAN PAYNE'S STATEMENT

Repeal Will Take Effect January 1, 1903, and the Total Reduction Is Said to Be $77,000,000—Country Will Start on Next Fiscal Year With Nearly $200,000 to the Good.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 30.—The house committee on ways and means unanimously authorized Chairman Jayne to report a bill to repeal all the Spanish war revenue taxes except the tax on mixed flour.

The repeal is to take effect January 2, 1902, except the duty on tea which is to take effect January 1, 1903.

Chairman Payne made a statement showing that the total reruction would be $77,000,000 annually.

The delay in the repeal of the tax on tea is for the purpose of enabling the stocks on hand to dispose of them before the repeal takes place.

Mr. Payne says the country will start upon the next fiscal year with $174,000,000 available cash.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Newlands to except from the repeal the tax on petroleum and sugar refiners, and by Mr. Richardson to repeal the custom duties on trust-made goods.

Both were defeated by party votes.

Mr. Newlands' amendment also provided for a tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent on gross receipts of all corporations whose annual receipts exceed $1,000,000.

NEW EVENING JOURNAL.

First Appearance of the Salt Lake Telegram.

(By Associated Press.)

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 30.—The Salt Lake Telegram, a new independent evening journal, made its appearance today.

Its advertised mission is to promote the mining, industrial and other material interests of Utah and its metropolis.

William M. Butler, formerly of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, is the publisher, and Dr. Goldsmith Bernhard West, late of the Washington, D. C., Times, is editor.

The Telegram publishes the full leased wire report of the Associated Press.

COLLIDES WITH TUG

FERRY BOAT IS RUN INTO DURING A SNOW STORM.

CROWDED WITH PASSENGERS

Looked Like a Complete Turnover for a Time But the Worst Was a Few Fainting Women—Boat Was Not Damaged.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 30.—The Jersey Central ferry boat, Central, was run into by a railroad tug in the North river during a snowstorm today.

There were 500 passengers on the ferry boat of whom about 100 were women.

The Central found it very heavy going in the storm and was feeling her way slowly out into midstream.

About a quarter of a mile from her slip at Communipaw, one of the heavy tugs of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, having in tow a float carrying a dozen loaded freight cars, crashed into the Central below the paddle wheel on the women's cabin side of the vessel.

Before the Central could reverse her power, the tug had forged its way through the light woodwork that covers the ladies' cabin and the women inside were panic stricken.

No One Was Injured.

Their shrieks combined with the crackling sound of breaking timbers quickly brought a number of the men passengers over to their side of the boat.

The men rushed over so quickly that the Central careened and it was feared for a second that she would turn turtle.

The Central's running gear was not damaged, however, and she soon righted, and proceeded to her New York slip.

Twelve women fainted, but they were soon revived.

No one was badly hurt.

The snow which began falling here yesterday morning continued through the night and today.

At 9 o'clock this morning the total fall was four inches.

NOTORIOUS BURGLAR KILLED.

One Officer Mortally Wounded—Authorities Waited for Cracksmen.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Jan. 30.—Two notorious burglars and cracksmen are dead, Deupty Sheriff W. S. Mannering is severely wounded, and Marshal Peter Fitzenwald is mortally wounded as the result of an attempt to rob Mrs. Mary Priest, an aged and wealthy widow of this city, last night.

The plans of the robbers had been revealed to the Athens officers, who came here yesterday and with the local officers secreted themselves in the house.

Upon the appearance of the robbers a battle ensued, in which both were killed and the officers named injured.

The robbers' names are given as Harry Williams and John Nye.

They were leaders of a gang that had committed many burglaries in this section.

SHERIFF TUBBS COMES AFTER MURDERER WOODARD.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Billings, Jan. 30.—Sheriff W. E. Tubbs of Casper, Wyoming, arrived here this morning for Chas. Woodard, the murderer of Sheriff Riches of Natrona county, Wyoming, captured near Laurel Monday.

Woodard acknowledged his identity and talked considerably, but denies killing the sheriff. He is willing to return to Casper without a requisition and the men will start with him tonight.

The injuries received by Woodard at the time of his capture are troubling him some.

He asked this morning for his wife and wanted to know if she was in the city.

BUILD A CREAMERY

W. H. PIERCE WILL ERECT LARGE ONE NEAR WOODSIDE.

ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

Will Require the Milk From About Seven Hundred Cows and Will Mark an Epoch in Bitter Root Prosperity.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Hamilton, Jan. 30.—W. H. Pierce, for several years manager of the Bitter Root stock farm creamery, has about completed plans for the erection of a large creamery near Woodside. The farmers of the surrounding country have been interested in the project.

Mr. Pierce furnishes the capital and erects and runs the plant, the farmers contracting to furnish the milk from a certain number of cows for a period of five years, at the end of which time they have the option of buying the plant and continuing the same on such co-operative plan as they then judge best.

The creamery will require the milk from between 500 and 700 cows. Separator stations will be established at other points in the Bitter Root valley and the cream from the stations will be shipped to the creamery. The creamery department of the Bitter Root stock farm has always paid handsome returns on the investments.

The building of the new creamery marks returns on the aon athe maon marks the introduction of the dairying business in the Bitter Root valley along lines similar to those which have brought prosperity to many section of the East.

VISITED ANACONDA

COUNTY ASSESSORS WINED AND DINED IN SMELTER CITY.

LOOK OVER THE NEW WORKS

Pleased With Their Entertainment in Both Butte and Anaconda—B., A. & P. Put a Special Train at Their Disposal.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Jan. 30.—The county assessors of the state and their friends to the number of 30 arrived in the city this morning at 11 o'clock. They were met at the depot by the officials of the county of Deer Lodge and conducted to the courthouse.

After thoroughly inspecting that and the county jail, they were lunched at the Montana hotel.

This afternoon a special train was provided for them by the B., A. & P., and they were taken to the lower works and converters.

From there they went to the new reduction works, where the greater part of the afternoon was spent.

Go to Their Homes.

The assessors were accompanied by some of the officials of the railroad, and also of Anaconda, as well as by the county officials of Deer Lodge county.

Some of the assessors will remain over night in Anaconda, but the majority will leave tonight for their homes in the various portions of the state.

The assessors are much pleased with the treatment they received in Butte during their annual meeting, and speak in the highest terms of those who helped to make their visit a pleasant as well as a profitable one.

Some of the officials were in Anaconda for the first time, and were astonished at the extent of the smelters and the immense amount of work that is being done there.

Mrs. McKinley's Cousin Dies.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Melissa Emily Saxton, widow of late James Saxton and a cousin of Mrs. William McKinley, died here last night aged 84. General debility was the cause of death.

May Join Reform Club.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 30.—Andrew Carnegie has been proposed for membership in the Reform club of London by George Armistead of Dundee and Sir Francis Mowatt.

MEN UNDER DEATH SENTENCE ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

Biddle Brothers, With the Assistance of the Warden's Wife, Lock Up and Seriously Wound Five Guards and Disappear---It Was Cleverly Done.

(By Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 30.—Edward and John Biddle, awaiting execution in the county jail for the murder of Grocer Thomas D. Khaney of Mount Washington, overpowered the guards at 4 o'clock this morning and escaped.

Both prisoners had been provided with saws with which they cut the bars in the cells. The prisoners occupied adjoining cells on the second range. They evidently had assistance from the outside, as both were armed with revolvers.

Shortly after 4 o'clock, one of the Biddles called James McGeary who had charge of the outside gates and asked for some cramp medicine in a hurry, saying his brother was dangerously sick.

McGeary hastened to the cell with the medicine, when John Biddle sprang through the opening of the cell and seizing the guard around the waist hurled him over the railing to the stone floor beneath, a distance of 16 feet.

Shot the Guard.

Edward Biddle joined his brother immediately and both, with drawn revolvers hurried to the first floor where they met Guard Reynolds and shot him. There were but three men on duty, and the third was on one of the upper ranges.

He was ordered down at the point of revolvers and the three guards were put in the dungeon.

The keys were taken from Keeper McGeary and the two desperate prisoners had a clear field

The only persons who witnessed the escape were prisoners who could not interfere or give an alarm. The Biddles went to the wardrobe where the guards keept their clothing and each put on a new suit.

They then unlocked the outside gates, and passed out into Ross street.

The escape was not discovered until the daylight guards came on duty at 6 o'clock. They were informed by prisoners where the night guards had been put and they were soon released from the dungeon and sent to the homeopathic hospital.

Warden's Wife Caused Escape.

Warden Peter K. Soffell has authorized the publication of the allegation that his wife is responsible for the furnishing of the revolvers and saws to the Biddles which enabled them to escape.

In her infatuation for the handsome desperado, Edward Biddle, it is alleged she had left her husband and her four children an it is supposed, is to meet the escaped convicts at a place agreed upon.

The story of the matter is brief. Mrs Soffell was the only person admitted to the jail since last Sunday. Yesterday afternoon she visited the Biddle during the warden's absence.

Last evening she retired at 9 o'clock. She told her husband that she was going to visit a sister at McDonald's, and that she would retire early so that she could get an early start.

Warden Soffell was about the jail until about 12 o'clock. He retired to his room, which is separate from Mrs. Soffell's, shortly before 1 o'clock.

When he awoke this morning he asked for Mrs. Soffell and was informed that she was absent. Later, when the details of the escape became known, he telephoned to McDonald and was informed that Mrs. Soffell was not there. Warden Soffell immediately made a frank confession of his suspicions.

Cleverly Carried Out.

The ruse of the Biddles was a clever one and was carried out with great success.

Nothing suspicious was noticed in the actions of the two prisoners, nor was anything wrong discovered when the day guards went off duty yesterday afternoon. The murderers evidently sawed the bars during the night, using what appears to have been soap to deaden the noise and reduce the friction.

Their escape is unparalleled, as is their record for crime throughout the vicinity.

The police all through the country are searching for the Biddles.

The two guards injured will probably recover. The bullet wound sustained by Reynolds is not regarded as dangerous.

The physicians have been unable to ascertain as yet the full extent of McGeary's wounds. His head is badly contused, but there are no signs that his skull was fractured by his 16-foot fall.

Story of Their Crime.

For several months preceding the Khaney murder, daring robberies were of almost nightly occurrence. The police seemed powerless to prevent them, and nervous citizens retired at night in fear and trembling.

On the morning of April 12 last Mrs. Khaney was awakened by burglars and called to her husband, a cripple, who was sleeping in an adjoining room with one of the children.

As he entered his wife's room, he was shot dead. The burglars then fled.

A few hours later, Detective Patrick Fitzgerald and two officers surprised the Biddle brothers at their home on Fulton street, but before they were captured Fitzgerald was killed and Edward Biddle, who shot him, was dangerously wounded.

YOUNG ADVENTURES SENT HOME

PARENTS OF TWO MISLAID BOYS HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN SPOKANE.

SEND AFTER THE RUNAWAYS

Ready Enough to Return Home as They Are Tired of Box Car Life—Lied at First But Finally Tell the Truth.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Big Timber, Jan. 30.—The parents of Johnnie Duncan and Freddie Crowley, the 14-year-old runaways, who were arrested here Saturday, have been located in Spokane.

The young adventurers have claimed up to today that their home was in Elkton, S. D., and that they left there several months ago, and have since been wandering through the Northwestern states, but it was learned yesterday from the authorities in Elkton that their parents resided in Spokane

Upon being confronted with this information the kids broke down and expressed a desire to return home.

Sends Them Home.....

Sends Them Home.

Sheriff Fallang communicated with their parents and this morning received a telegram to furnish the boys tickets and put them on the train in care of the conductor, and Mr. Duncan would meet them at Helena.

The boys left home about 10 days ago, and having little or no money managed to beat their way on freight trains as far east as this point.

They were found riding in a box car with the mercury 20 degrees below zero, were thinly clad and had had nothing to eat for nearly 24 hours.

College President Dies.

Pittsburg, Jan. 30.—Dr. Rev. A. B. Miller, for 11 years president of Waynesburg, Pa., college, died today of paralysis.

BILL TO PROTECT MINERS

MOODY OF OREGON PRESENTS A MINING MEASURE OF A GENERAL CHARACTER.

OWNER TO PROVIDE PURE AIR

German Marines in Full Uniform Caused Much Confusion Upon Entering the Public Gallery in the House.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 30.—After some preliminary minor business today in the house, the committees were called and Mr. Moody, of Oregon, from the committee on mining, presented a bill for the protection of miners in the territories.

It provides that every mine over 100 feet in depth, mine owners be required to provide 5500 cubic feet of pure air for every 15 miners.

Mr. Lacey, of Iowa, the author of the bill, urged the importance of proper ventilation of coal mines.

He offered an amendment providing that the managers of coal mines should employ shot firers to fire shots therein.

German Marines Cause Commotion.

While the bill was being discussed something of a stir was caused by the appearance of officers and marines of the German cruiser Moltke, who marched into the public gallery in uniform and accoutred with their side arms.

The confusion was so pronounced that the speaker was obliged to call the house to order.

The Lacey amendment was adopted and the bill was passed.

The house then went into committee of the whole and entered upon the consideration of the bill for the creation of a permanent census bureau.

Rear End Collision.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 30.—A rear end collision of two passenger trains occurred at Golconda, Nevada, on the Central Pacific this morning. One passenger, name unknown, was slightly injured. Traffic was blocked for four hours.

JOE SHAFER, SLAYER OF HAWKINS, TWICE SENTENCED TO DEATH, IS FREE

Joseph Shafer.

WITNESSES OF MURDER ARE DEAD AND GONE AND COUNTY ATTORNEY GIVES UP FIGHT.

CASE DISMISSED THIS MORNING

"You May Go," Said the Court, and Shafer Went in a Hurry—Has Spent Four Years and Seven Months in the County Jail Awaiting His Trials—Attorney Breen's Motion.

After being confined in the county jail for four long years and seven months, 40 months of which he was under sentence of death, Joseph Shafer, the mulatto who killed a colored man named John Hawkins, in the city in 1897, is once more a free man.

This morning County Attorney Breen made a motion in Judge McClernan's court that the charge against Shafer be dismissed, all the witnesses in the case being dead or gone, and Judge McClernan set the colored man free.

The whole proceeding was very brief and without sensational features. The court made its order and the colored man took hins hat, rose from the chair and departed quickly, without a word, his friends shaking hands with him in a corner of the court room as he passed out.

Before court opened Shafer was brought from the county jail by the sheriff's officers and given a seat at the bar, besides George Johnson, a colored man recently granted a new trial for the robbery of James G. Vier, and whose trial was to follow Shafer's this morning

Wore Their Store Clothes.

Both colored men were well groomed. Johnson, who is several shades darker than Shafer, wore a wide expanse of white shirt bosom and a purple necktie. Shafer was resplendent in a white tie with a gaudy red stripe in it and a new overcoat.

When the proceeding opened County Attorney Breen read a statement to the effect that the state was unable to get any witness in the case, it had been so long since the slaying of Hawkins.

When the reading was finished, the court in a brisk voice pronounced the words that gave Shafer freedom.

Said the court: "Well, Shafer, under the circumstances, the court will order this case dismissed and you discharged from custody. You may go."

Shafer, whose eyes were glued on the judge, grasped the meaning of the words, leaned down for his hat and was out of his chair instantly.

His attorney, Ed Booth, and a little cluster of friends surrounded him in the wing of the court room and extended their congratulations, while his face beamed, probably giving but slight evidence of the jubilation of his heart. Then he walked out of the court room into the air of heaven a free man.

Twice Sentenced to Death.

Twice was Shafer sentenced to be hanged. Once he was within one day of the date set for his hanging, and the aggregate time he was under sentence of death was three years and four months.

Shafer killed Hawkins in a saloon in the Tenderloin on August 12, 1897, after two or three hours of drinking with Hawkins and other colored people in a party and a visit to the Columbia Gardens and other resorts.

Hawkins was a big man, while Shafer is of medium size, and the latter was egged on to the deed he finally committed by the other people in the party, after Hawkins had in one quarrel struck him

The first information against Shafer was filed September 28, 1897. His first trial opened November 4, and a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was brought in by the jury on November 14 of the same year. He was sentenced to death shortly afterwards.

He was granted a new trial about a year later, December 26, 1898. He was tried again February 18, 1899, and the same verdict was returned. In last November, nearly two years later, a second new trial was granted him, and it was set for this morning.

Since he was first put in the county jail, four years and a half ago, two of his attorneys and two witnesses have passed away, Big Eva, one of the witnesses, having been killed. The court room had many spectators this morning, but a good many of Shafer's former intimates are no longer on the scene and were not present.

Could Not Find Witnesses.

In his motion for dismissal County Attorney Breen went into details. He recited that Shafer had been twice convicted of the murder of John Hawkins and that the supreme court had granted him a new trial.

He said the witnesses for the state were W. H. Barrett, George Russell, C. A. Daugherty, Henry Brown and Charles Fortune and that he had made diligent search for the witnesses, but was unable to find them. He went on to say:

"After the action had been set for trial subpoenas were issued for the witnesses and placed in the hands of the sheriff for service, and the sheriff returned the subpoenas indorsed to the effect that the witnesses could not be found."

The motion continues to the effect that in the opinion of the county attorney many of the witnesses are dead, and others, with the exception of the physician who made the autopsy, are out of the jurisdiction of this court; that W. H. Garrett, the state's most important witness, has been driven out of Missoula and other towns because of his character, and the county attorney has no idea of his whereabouts.

Because of this peculiar situation Mr. Breen said he considered a conviction out of the question, and asked for Shafer's dismissal.

FILES NEW BOND

SENATOR KENNEDY MAKES TRIP ON A SPECIAL TRAIN.

WAS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

Surety Company Attorney T. C. Bach Must File a Written Motion in the Case in Place of the Oral One Made Today.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Helena, Jan. 30.—In the case of the Delaware Surety company in the supreme court today, the clerk was instructed to inform all parties concerned to appear at 2 o'clock tomorrow, when an order will be made.

T. H. Bach, attorney for the Surety company, was also instructed to file a written motion in place of the oral one made today.

The parties cited to appear tomorrow are the Montana Ore Purchasing company, the Boston & Montana, and the Delaware Surety company.

Mr. Bach must state in his motion that he is the authorized attorney for the surety company, which will take out its $350,000 cash bond and file a regular bond in place of it.

This morning the clerk of the court received the new bond for $1,110,000, which was brought from Butte on a special train by State Senator J. M. Kennedy this morning.

The sureties of the bond are as follows: H. L. Frank, $150,000; Lee Davenport, $25,000; Henry Mueller, $100,000; Charles W. Clark, $100,000; Fayette Harrington, cashier First Silver Bow National bank, $25,000; Edward Mahoney, $40,000; J. H. Trerise, $25,000; Carl G. Pingle, $5000; Senator Lee Mantle, $50,000; Adolph Reichel, $5000; A. E. Spriggs, $20,000; C. V. Norcross, $25,000; Robert W. Farmer, $25,000; Adolph Wetzstein, $35,000; Mrs. M. E. Reiley, $15,000; Frank Boucher, $25,000; J. H. Maloney, $10,000; Mrs. J. M. Kennedy, $10,000; Louis Kaufman, $25,000; F. Augustus Heinze, $350,000; Louis J. Champagne, $10,000; K. S. Batteiger, $15,000; Oliver Chevrier, $5000, and D. Dorais, $5000.

OWNS BRONX REALTY.

John Corbin Finds Himself an Unexpected Heir.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 30.—John Corbin of Brooklyn, has been informed that he is heir to property in the Bronx valued at $15,000, and that the lawyer who discovered this fact is on the track of other pieces of realty which may be worth in the agregate of $100,000

The city recently sold a 10-years' lease to satisfy a tax bill on the entire property. This is all that has been found so far of the fortune made years ago by Peter Robiliard, a Guernsey man and gold seeker in Australia and California.

Robiliard, who was Corbin's uncle, left Guernsey in 1840, and after accumulating considerable property came to New York, where he became a contractor. He died in 1855, and was supposed to have lost his fortune.

Recently in looking up title to property in the Bronx, the piece mentioned was found ownerless by an attorney, and the heir was found.

BUYING THE TIMBER.

Northern Pacific Lands Passing to New Owners.

(By Associated Press.)

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 30.—The Northern Pacific timber lands in Eastern Washington are rapidly passing to new owners. The sale of eight thousand acres near Milan, Washington, to the saw mill Phoenix of this city is announced today.

W. C. Edwards of the Elk mills has also purchased 9000 acres. Sales aggregating about fifty square miles of Northern Pacific land in the vicinity of Milan to mill owners have been announced this week.

Former Slave Dies.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 30.—Peter Lee, a colored servant who was born a slave in 1804, is dead on the estate, at Castle Point, Hoboken, of Col. Edwin E. Stevens, the millionaire machinist. When slavery was abolished in New Jersey, Lee was given his liberty. He returned the next day, saying that he had enjoyed all the freedom desired. Since then he remained at the Stevens homestead.