

SNEAK THIEVES HAD KEY IN THE DOOR

MRS. M'LAUGHLIN HEARS NOISE AND IS SURPRISED TO DISCOVER A NOCTURNAL VISITOR.

ROUSES NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH FLIES TO ARMS

Police Arrive, but Fail to Find Thief. Who is Later Pursued by an Intrepid Amazon With a Cannon—Game Thieves Work is to Knock at Back Doors for Food and Sizz Up the House

That the gang of sneak thieves, who have been dignified by the name of burglars, now operating in this city, are persistent, was evidenced again last night when Mrs. Laughlin, who lives in the alley at the corner of Quartz and Alaska, found a man trying to get into her house.

Mrs. Laughlin lives with her son and daughter in a little house near the corner of the alley. She was awakened about 11 o'clock last evening by a sound as of some one trying to open one of the front windows of the house.

To make sure that she had locked her door she got up and was about to take hold of the key when she found that somebody was trying to put a key in the door from the outside. Woman-like she screamed, and immediately the nocturnal visitor made a dash down the alley.

Aroused Neighborhood. In a few minutes the neighborhood was aroused, as many had not yet gone to bed. A telephone message was sent to the police station. When the officers arrived, of course, the speak was several blocks away and after assuring the woman that they would keep a watch around the place during the night the policemen left.

Pending the arrival of the officers and while those who had gathered in the darkness were making a suggestion as to what was best to do, a brave woman armed with a revolver put in an appearance and started boldly into the sheds and alleys near the house on a still hunt for the sneak-thief.

If he had by any ill chance concluded to remain in the vicinity, it is not improbable that he would have met the fate which Martin did a few weeks ago.

Many of the residents of that section who had gathered last evening complained of midnight prowlers during the past month and more than one had purchased a gun so as to be able to receive the nocturnal visitor in proper fashion.

Their Game. On comparing notes a few had found that recently during the day several suspicious characters had come to the back doors to beg and that invariably an attempt was made to enter the house on one of the following nights.

As this is a convenient way for this class of gentry to size up their prey many concluded to keep an eye on the sneaks who come around during the day with a hard luck story, but whose real object is robbery where they think there is anything worth taking.

One man who resides on the west side and who is a skilled electrician, has prepared an electrical device for these birds of the night, so that more than 1,000 volts of electricity will pass through his body on attempting to enter.

"It is only intended to make him unconscious while an alarm tells of the attempt," said the man this morning, "but if it should happen to kill one of them there won't be any crepe on my door."

JOHN MAGUIRE RECEIVES CHALLENGE TO ROSTRUM

Socialists Are After Theatrical Man, Who Announced That He Would Lecture on Theory.

When John Maguire made the announcement that he was going to lecture on socialism and mentioned incidentally that he was forinst it, he did a desperate thing. By shying his castor into the ring he has brought challenges from a hundred directions.

P. J. Cooney, county chairman of the socialist party, has sent John a formal challenge. Notwithstanding the fact that John has given out that his lecture will be delivered when ready, the chairman tells him in the challenge to "cease his opposition to socialism or have the manliness to come out in public and defend his views."

Here is the challenge: "You are hereby challenged to debate the following question in public: Resolved, that socialism is the only just and possible solution of the labor problem, and that it would afford every human being the opportunity for a free and complete development of his or her individuality.

"You will take the negative side, the affirmative side to be taken by a man to be selected by the Socialist Party club of Butte. The debate to be arranged as follows: Negative 20 minutes, affirmative 20 minutes, negative 30 minutes, affirmative 30 minutes, negative 10 minutes, affirmative 10 minutes.

"We will pay all expenses of the hall and advertising and request that you will either cease your opposition to socialism or have the manliness to come out in public and defend your views. The debate is to take place before September 1, time and place to be selected by the socialist local. Admission to be free to the public. If you accept this challenge you will please appoint a committee of three to confer with a like committee of three from the socialist local party."

English Ballet Girl Dead.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] New York, August 5.—Eugenia Makepeace, one of the eight members of the well-known vaudeville attraction known as the "Pony Ballet," is dead of typhoid fever. Cathy Stoltz, another of the company is critically ill. Miss Makepeace's remains will be shipped to England.

Suicide by Hanging.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] New York, August 5.—Mrs. Anna L. V. Pierson, widow of Doctor H. H. Pierson, said to be the inventor of celluloid, has committed suicide by hanging, at her home in Glenridge, N. J., owing to continued ill health.

MAY PUT COUNTY TICKET IN FIELD

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN WILL ORGANIZE SOCIALIST PARTY IN SILVER BOW.

EVERY DISTRICT IN THE STATE WILL BE WORKED

Only Few of Party Profess to Believe It Has Chance to Land an Office, but Fight Will Be Made, Nevertheless—Candidate for Judgeship Cannot Be Secured, as No Attorney Will Run.

"You may say that the socialists will have a county ticket in the field in Silver Bow county and also in nearly every other county in Montana," said a prominent member of that party today. Some time ago, Mr. Cooney, state central committeeman for the socialists, was in doubt as to the wisdom of going to the expense of putting up a county ticket and he could not be found today and an expression of opinion secured, but it is quite evident that even if he wished to do so he could not prevent the enthusiasts in his party from nominating a county ticket.

No date has yet been set for the convention, but it will be a simple matter to arrange, for reason that the meeting called for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention did not adjourn. A recess, but there a few who profess to be the chairman and it would only take a few hours to gather up the members.

There is but one office that they cannot fill and that is judge of the district court. It seems strange, but it is true, that after a careful canvass of all of the lawyers in Silver Bow county, not one will declare himself in favor of the socialists or subscribe to the socialistic doctrine.

Will Stand by Platform. It is against the declared principles of the party to nominate or endorse any one for office who does not believe in socialism and who is not willing to back up his faith by works and as no lawyer can be found who is willing to do this, no nomination for district judge will be made.

It is proposed to make a thorough campaign and to that end many meetings will be arranged throughout the county and at least one speaker of national importance will tour the state and make addresses in all of the principal cities and towns.

Many of the socialists confess that their party has not the slightest show for success but there a few who profess to believe that if there are several tickets in the field, they have a chance to elect a portion of their ticket. In any case, they claim that they will stand alone on their own platform and win or lose, survive or perish, they will at least have their own respect at the close of the campaign.

SUDDEN DEATH

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apparent suffering, the end coming peacefully and quietly as a dream. Dr. Hammond was called, but it was then too late. Coroner Johnson was notified of the suddenness of the death, but it is not likely that an inquest will be held, for while death was sudden the physician can doubtless determine the cause without an investigation by the coroner.

A Pennsylvanian by Birth.

Robert F. Turner was born in Hazleton, Pa., in April of 1851, but had been a resident of Butte since 1881. By occupation he was a machinist. When he first came to Butte he worked at his trade for the Alice Mining company. A few years later he became master mechanic at the Gagnon mine and held the position until he met with an accident that deprived him of a leg and came very near killing him. The pump at the bottom of the shaft was out of order and Mr. Turner started down to fix it. When about 140 feet from the bottom the engineer lost control of the engine and the skip with Mr. Turner on it was dashed to pieces at the bottom. Mr. Turner's injuries laid him up several months, but he survived the terrible ordeal.

A Leading Republican.

Mr. Turner was a leading republican of Silver Bow county and on several occasions was selected for political preferment at the hands of the party. He served one term as police magistrate and one term as justice of the peace, filling both positions with credit to himself and honor to the party that elected him. He was police magistrate from 1895 to 1897, and served as a member of Judge McClellan's last jury.

Mr. Turner was also prominent in secret society circles, being a member of Ivanhoe lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the Butte lodge of Elks and was a member of the Butte Stationary Engineers' Union.

He is survived by a wife and four children, the latter being nearly all grown. Mrs. George Lapp, wife of the chief of the Anaconda Mining company's fire department, is the only daughter. The other children are Clark, Ralph and William Turner. In addition to his immediate family he leaves two brothers and three sisters in Pennsylvania.

Date for Interment Not Set.

Owing to the fact that the family desires to communicate with the Eastern relatives, the date for the funeral has not yet been set. Mr. Turner was a genial, whole-souled man and his death will be regretted by every one who had the honor of his acquaintance. In sunshine or rain, prosperity or adversity, "Bob" Turner was always the same. He never grumbled because he was not wealthy or found fault with those who had been more successful in life. He accepted his lot as it came, doing the best he could at all times.

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Affair Will Be Biggest Ever Given by Union and Handsome Prizes Held Up in Various Events Make It an Object of Interest to Any One Who Can Do Anything at All to Be on Hand.

Members of the Butte Miners' union will hold their twenty-fourth annual picnic on August 17, at Mountain View Park, Anaconda. It is expected by the committee having the matter in charge that the outing this year will be by far the best attended and, in many respects, the most enjoyable and novel of any yet held by that organization.

The prizes are most liberal and great in number than at any former picnic. The union does not forget the widows and orphans and offers a prize of a valuable lot for the widow of a miner with the largest family appearing on the ground. The list will be found of interest by everyone even though they may not desire to contest.

The full list follows: Double-handed drilling match. Open to members of the Western Federation of Miners in good standing: Seven-eighths inch steel. First prize, \$100; second prize, \$50.

Single-handed drilling contest. Open to members of the Western Federation of Miners in good standing: Three-quarter inch steel. First prize, \$50; second prize, \$25.

Baseball game between — and —. Prize, \$50. Prize of lot valued at \$175 for widow of miner with largest family appearing on grounds. Donated by Montana Land and Improvement company. Lot 9, block 36, Independence Park addition to Butte.

One hundred-yard foot race, free-for-all. First prize, \$10; second prize, 100 cigars.

One hundred-yard foot race, for members of Miners' union. First prize, \$10; second prize, \$5.

Tug of war between members of American Labor union and Western Federation of Miners. Prize, \$25.

Fat men's race. First prize, meerschaum pipe, donated by Swend Carlson; second prize, \$2 in cash.

Boys' race, under 15 years of age. First prize, suit of clothes, donated by Seigel Clothing company, value \$7.50; second prize, book of poems, donated by Ben Calkins.

Young ladies' race under 18. First prize, picture, donated by Schatzlein Paint company; second prize, chiffon parasol, donated by the Symons Dry Goods company.

Married ladies' race. First prize, rocking chair, donated by Kennedy Furniture company; second prize, ham, donated by Washington Market.

Fat ladies' race. First prize, sheep, donated by Metropolitan Market; second prize, wall paper for one room, donated by Carder Paint company.

One hundred-yard foot race. Prize, \$25, for county officials of Silver Bow and Deer Lodge counties.

Tub race. First prize, \$15; second prize, meal ticket, donated by Anderson & Carlson of Anaconda.

Potato race. First prize, \$5; second prize, \$2.50.

Hurdle race, for boys under 16. First prize, fishing rod, value \$5, donated by Montana Book company; second prize, pair shoes, donated by Red Boot Shoe company.

Three-legged race. First prize, \$5; second prize, valise, donated by Brownfield Carty Carpet company; third prize, box of cigars, donated by James Kane.

Sack race. First prize, \$5; second prize, \$2.50.

Putting shot. First prize, \$15; second prize, \$7.50.

Old men's race. First prize, gallon of Old Bourbon, donated by A. Weinstein; second prize, box of cigars, donated by A. J. Median.

Running hop-skip-and-jump. First prize, \$10; second prize, \$5.

Three standing jumps. First prize, \$10; second prize, box of cigars, donated by California Brewing company.

Running high jump. First prize, \$10; second prize, \$5.

Climbing greasy pole. Prize, \$25.

Girls' race, under 14 years. First prize, \$10; second prize, chiffon parasol, from Symons Dry Goods company.

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Newboys' race. First prize, \$2 cash; second prize, \$1 cash. Boat race, between officers of Silver Bow and Deer Lodge counties. First prize, \$25; second prize, \$10.

Foot race, between policemen of Butte and Anaconda. Prize, \$10. For best gentleman waltzer in evening. First prize, \$10; second prize, \$5.

Best lady waltzer. First, chocolate set, donated by J. H. Leyson, value \$10; second prize, bracelet value \$20, donated by Tuttle Jewelry company.

For best gentleman step dancer in evening. First prize, \$10; second prize, box of cigars, from Lujbradi. For best lady step dancer. Prize, umbrella, donated by Hight & Fairfield.

For best boy step dancer, under 10 years. Prize, \$5 cash. For best girl step dancer, under 10. Prize, \$5 cash. Man with largest family on grounds. Two hundred pounds of flour, from Youlden Grocery company and Evans & Congdon.

Voting contest for most popular union man in Montana. Prize, \$100 cash. Boat race, free to all. First prize, \$15; second prize, \$10.

Ladies' egg race. First prize, lamp, value \$8, from Bee Hive; second prize, picture, value \$5, from Pritchard-Harrison Carpet company.

Men over 50 years, lifting 22-pound dumb bells. First prize, \$10; second prize, pair of pants, value \$5, donated by Henry Jonas.

LARGE TREASURY RECEIPTS

Without War Tax There is Small Diminution in Receipts. [BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] New York, August 5.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Notwithstanding the abolition of the war taxes on July 1, the treasury receipts show very little diminution. The cash in the treasury at the close of business yesterday was \$201,944,656.37, though it was expected that the expenditures, which in the first month of the fiscal year are always unusually heavy, would carry the cash in the treasury far below two hundred millions.

RULING AGAINST THE NEGRO

Test of the New Louisiana Constitution in the Courts. [BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] New Orleans, August 5.—The Louisiana district court yesterday decided the case of David I. Ryanes, the negro who brought suit to be registered in order to test the suffrage provisions of the new Louisiana constitution. The money for the suit was subscribed by negroes, in hope of proving the constitutionality of new suffrage system, which disfranchises most of them. Judge St. Paul decided against the negro, holding that even if the grandfather clause, which admits illiterate whites without property to the suffrage, be unconstitutional, it does not affect the case of Ryanes, as one of the sections of the constitution may be invalid without destroying the whole constitution. Ryanes' right to vote, he said, was affected in no way by the grandfather clause, and therefore the court could not pass on the validity of that clause, which is the only doubtful provision in the suffrage law. The negroes will try to carry the case to the United States supreme court.

Codfishing Fleet Doing Well.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] San Francisco, August 5.—The codfishing fleet is doing well in the north. On July 9 the Barkentine Fremont was spoken in Bering Sea with a catch of 125,000 fish and on the same date the Schooner Arago with 150,000 codfish was spoken. All were well on both vessels.

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