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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1902.

THE ROSEBUD SITUATION.

There are signs that Justice McRae of Rosebud county is to be kept busy defending his right to hold office. The decision yesterday of Judge Loud at Miles City does not quite settle it, although it was a point in the justice's favor.

There is a manifest intention on the part of Mr. Heinze's colonization friends to shift the fierce glare of the public eye from themselves to Justice McRae. They would be pleased to make him out the malefactor and themselves the defenders of the people's rights, especially at the ballot-box. Public sentiment in Rosebud county does not seem to be exactly attuned to the furtherance of this grand symphony.

Mr. Kennedy's statement that the men arrested there—all political soldiers of fortune from Butte and Anaconda—were reputable citizens whose arrest was a blow at our liberties, is interesting but not exactly convincing.

Whether Justice McRae is permitted to retain his office or is shot at sunrise, colonizing and ballot-box stuffing ought to be discouraged in Rosebud.

POST-CHECK SYSTEM.

The "post-check" plan, which has the indorsement of the postoffice department, is intended to simplify and lessen the expense of sending small sums of money through the mails. It would be especially advantageous to sections of the country where the population is small and money-order offices are remote from each other. It would fit in admirably with the rural free delivery system which is being extended by the department with so much success and convenience to the people in the agricultural sections of the country. Postmaster General Payne, in his report, had this to say of the proposed system:

Millions of our people live more or less remote from any postoffice, and a very large proportion of them are not able to buy money orders or bank drafts without great inconvenience. It is not unreasonable to expect from the government that it will provide an easy, convenient and safe method to transmit small sums, say \$2 or less in amount, without putting the sender to the inconvenience and expense which now obtains in the purchase of a draft or postoffice money order. I urge upon congress the importance of passing some law so that our people may have the advantage of it as early a date as possible. Hundreds of thousands of letters carrying small amounts in silver or postage stamps are transmitted every year through the mails. These letters are a constant temptation to those handling them, as it is easy to identify letters inclosing currency.

Notwithstanding the evident benefits to the people to come from such a convenient money system, there is a strong opposition to it among the minority in congress. Republicans should strengthen the hands of their congressmen to the end that this convenience be provided at the present session.

A JOURNALISTIC EVENT.

A noteworthy event in the journalistic world occurred when the West Union (O.) Scion passed out of existence last month. It was not only the oldest newspaper in the state, under the same management, but its editor, Samuel Burwell, was the oldest editor in the state. At the age of 80 years Mr. Burwell sold his newspaper and retired to private life.

It was in the office of the Scion that the late Col. John A. Cockerill, one of America's most distinguished journalists, received his first instructions in newspaper work. Cockerill's career from the office of this Ohio weekly was rapid and brilliant. He served as a drummer boy in the civil war and later became a reporter in Dayton, O. He was next engaged as managing editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, which newspaper he moved out of its old democratic rut and started on its prosperous career. His letters to the Enquirer from the Franco-Prussian war were brilliant pieces of newspaper work. Cockerill's growing fame excited the envy of John R. McLean, who had become, through his father, the principal proprietor of the Enquirer, and Cockerill was "let out." On his way home from the war he found a letter awaiting him in London announcing his dismissal from the paper for no known reason except that he had become a bigger man than the owner.

Cockerill increased his reputation as the editor of the Baltimore Gazette, and became still more of a public man as Mr. Pulitzer's lieutenant and editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. At St. Louis Cockerill had the misfortune to kill Colonel Slayback, who, with another man, as-

saulted him in the editorial office of the Post-Dispatch. A jury speedily acquitted him on the ground of self-defense. From St. Louis he went to New York, where his genius as a newspaper man largely assisted Joseph Pulitzer in building up the New York World and making it one of the great newspapers of the United States. For three or four years he devoted his energies to the Commercial-Advertiser and the Morning Advertiser, which latter paper was purchased by W. R. Hearst and consolidated with the New York Journal. Colonel Cockerill then went to Japan for the New York Herald during the war between Japan and China. His account of the war and his analytical description of life in Japan, with its touches of humor and sarcasm, made his letters noteworthy. He died of apoplexy in a barber's chair in Cairo, Egypt, on his way home. His body was brought to the United States by James Gordon Bennett. The funeral ceremonies in New York and St. Louis and the public tributes paid to his memory, were such as might have been accorded to an emperor. He was buried in the latter city by the Elks in the Elks' cemetery, to which he had himself contributed a magnificent monument. He was an enthusiastic Elk and did much to build up the order in the East.

NEW FIELD FOR METAL.

Whatever is good for the iron and steel industry is good for the whole country; hence there is good news in a New York dispatch which conveys the information that the cruiser Baltimore, which has been rebuilt at the Brooklyn navy yard during the past three years will be equipped with steel furniture. The staterooms and the crews' quarters will alike be furnished in this kind of metal furniture, which has been manufactured in the navy yard and which, it is said, within the course of five years, will be used exclusively on all of the warships of the United States navy.

Steel furniture that is available for war vessels will likely be available for other vessels and for many other uses. It opens up a new industrial field and therefore is a good thing for American labor. Butte had a distinguished visitor the other day in the person of Hudson Maxim who has invented the highest explosive known and is particularly intended for the destruction of battleships and other war vessels. Metal furniture will not make a battleship any the less subject to destruction by this tremendous agency inasmuch as it will not only hurl a shell through armor heavier than any now manufactured, but the shell is under such control that it explodes in the bowels of the ship after the armor has been penetrated, blowing the vessel to kingdom come. Happily this explosive is not intended for action against our own ships. It is the property of the United States government and can be manufactured by or for the use of no other government. The point is that metal furniture for vessels of any kind creates a new branch of the iron and steel business and means more business for steel companies and more employment for steel workers. It is a good thing.

Whether or not J. J. Hill establishes a great rolling mill in the West, according to varying reports, the fact remains that he is acquiring large tracts of iron and coal lands. With these lands he would be well fortified to undertake such an enterprise. The statement is made that Mr. Hill and associates already have enough lands of this character in the West and in British Columbia to furnish raw material for even the United States Steel corporation. This may be an over-statement, as Mr. Schwab's big steel combine has a rapacious maw for raw material. Still it is a good sign to find men like Mr. Hill picking up iron and coal lands in the West. When they get around to turning out rails and such things it would mean a lot for the industrial life of the western country. What the country needs is industrial concerns and permission to run them. Without the latter there would not be much in the former.

The scarcity of turkeys is accounted for. According to a trade item a corner in Christmas turkeys may result from the action of a Kansas City firm, which claims to have bought up almost the entire visible supply in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. This firm has contracted for 500,000 pounds of the fowls, and feels so strong in its position that it is already dictating prices to Eastern buyers. The effect of the operation is seen in a considerable advance in the market quotations. The moral for Montana is obvious. This state should raise its own turkeys and defy corners. We can do it.

Venezuela seems to be presuming on her size, or her lack of size, and her insignificance. Of course, this will not save her face materially when it comes to a reckoning with England and Germany, for the imprisonment of the consuls from those governments and the seizure and destruction of their property. Even the United States has been treated slightly. Altogether, little Venezuela, without sufficient reason, has stirred up a considerable muss that is likely to embarrass her very considerably.

Governor-elect Pennypacker of Pennsylvania is reported to be collecting material for a history of the Keystone state. As governor of that great state Pennypacker will have the raw material already at his hand for the making of history which will be well worth the while of some other collector of historical data. It may be said that Pennypacker began making important history out there when he was elected governor by a tidal-wave majority.

An Indian having gone into the stock brokerage business in New York, perhaps the incident may be regarded as an attempt to civilize the stockbrokerage business in the metropolis.

PEOPLE WE MEET

WHEN Col. Tom McTague was in town the other day from his big boarding house beside the peaceful waters of Cottonwood creek, he and Frank Kirby swapped old-time stories, the theme being early days in Anaconda. When Anaconda was started Deer Lodge was the county seat of Deer Lodge county and Colonel McTague was under-sheriff. Jim McMasters was sheriff and Mr. Kirby was a local peace officer in the new town.

"We opened a branch sheriff's office in Anaconda right away," said Colonel McTague, "for all kinds of rough characters were floating into the new smelting town. We had many exciting experiences, and some amusing ones. An incident that sticks in my memory is connected with a lot of whisky and a pile of cordwood. Kirby and I were out with attachments to levy on the property of a foxy saloon-keeper who was beating his bills. We knew he had recently received a big consignment of whisky, but try as we would we could not locate the stuff about the premises.

"Finally and as a last resort we went into the backyard for a look around. There we saw a neatly piled stack of cordwood put together with a care that was unusual. Somehow it looked suspicious to us. We went at it, tearing down the pile stick by stick. Our arduous labors were rewarded, for inside the pile we found the missing whisky. The wood had been so cut and sawed and piled around as to look perfectly innocent, but the thing had been overdone—the pile looked too good for an ordinary hired man's work."

When one sees Sol Levy, the city jailer, deftly frisk the prisoners brought into the police station, one must wonder where he got the deft touch, and the lightning hand. When asked about the matter he explained it by saying that for 11 years he worked at the candymakers trade. "I haven't forgot how yet," he said, "but dabbling in that sort of thing comes under the head of relaxation. Every year, about Christmas time, I make up a batch of bonbons and send them to my friends. I make

SOL LEVY.

it a custom to give each prisoner a Christmas present of a box of candy, and thereby win their undying gratitude. Last year one of my most frequent guests received a box, and when he went out he said: "Good-bye, Sol, I'll meet you in heaven." I told him that I didn't know whether he would or not, but that I'd surely be there."

A stranger in Butte was standing on the corner of Broadway and Main streets this morning, when two clerks from the First National bank came along, each carrying two heavy sacks of gold. Easy Money Each sack contained \$5,000, according to the big red letters on the canvas. Evidently they had just come from the express office near the corner.

"Gee! I didn't think there was that much money in circulation," said the stranger, as he gazed at the tempting sight.

"What's that?" said a bystander; "why, those boys have just been paid off, and they are taking their wages home to mother."

Rev. Walter Hayes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Missoula, was in the city yesterday. He came over to assist in the installation of the new pastor at the Immanuel Presbyterian church of Butte.

AMUSEMENTS.
Roberts in "Camille."
Florence Roberts as Camille and Lucius Henderson as Armand divided the honors at the Grand last evening. The house was packed, and it is now settled beyond a doubt that Miss Roberts holds the record for any week's business in Butte. George Woodthorpe, Bertha Blanchard and Robert McKay were applauded with the leads for their excellent work.

Miss Roberts will present "Sapho" at the Grand this afternoon and evening, closing her engagement.

"Hearts of Oak."
That sterling old pastoral, "Hearts of Oak," one of James A. Herne's best plays, was produced at the Broadway last evening by a creditable company. Business was bad.

A splendid male quartet enlivens the progress of the play. In the cast James Horne, Edward Coon, Elise Ryan and Emily Macpherson may be mentioned for acceptable work. The play will be repeated at the Broadway again this evening.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mrs. M. E. Mitchell and Dr. and Mrs. Scanland of Warm Springs are at the Thornton.
J. W. Williams of Spokane, who has mining interests in Gallatin county, is a guest at the Thornton.
Steve Perse and Daniel Lenny of Nehalem, "the greatest silver camp on earth," are in town.
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Willis of Missoula

are registered at the Finlen. Mr. Willis is publisher of the Missoulian.
W. Henry Adkins of Pony, vice-president of the Idell Mercantile company and a former member of the legislature, is at the Finlen.
Thomas Clifford of Kalispell, under sheriff of Flathead county, is among the visitors in the city.
A. W. Bernard will leave tonight on the North Coast limited for a trip to Chicago.
Charles E. D. Long, who has been connected with the office of the general agent of the Short Line in this city for eighteen months, will leave Monday for New York.
B. G. Pitt, formerly of Billings, will take the place vacated by Mr. Long.
John B. Butler, formerly a pioneer resident of Butte and a brother of Dick Butler, the silver-haired newspaper man, is reported to be seriously ill at his home in Spokane.
C. L. Taft is in town from Drummond.
C. C. Swinburne, cashier of the Daly Bank & Trust company, has received news of the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. John Wade, in Chicago. Mrs. Swinburne went to Chicago several days ago to be at the bedside of her dying mother.
A. Urquhart, who owns and manages a large mining property at Hassel, is at the Thornton.
R. D. Leggat has returned from a trip into Idaho.

NO ONE TO BLAME FOR MINER'S END

CORONER'S JURY FINDS THAT ACCIDENT AT ST. LAWRENCE COULDN'T BE HELPED.

The coroner's jury at the inquest into the death of George Robertson, who was killed at the St. Lawrence mine yesterday morning, decided that death was due to accident for which no one was to blame. The inquest was held at the Montana Undertaking company's rooms.

The testimony of the witnesses tended to show that the accident was wholly unavoidable as it was unexpected. A portion of the hanging wall on the first floor of the 800-foot level fell, striking Robertson and crushing the life out of him instantly. Peter Shea, who was with Robertson at the time of the accident, was also injured, though not seriously.
James Hickey testified that he was working on the 800-foot level near to Robertson and Shea. There had been blasting and the men were preparing to put in a new set of timbers.

Wal Seemed to Be Safe.
The hanging wall appeared to be perfectly safe. The two men were loading cars when a portion of the wall gave way, burying Robertson beneath its terrible weight. Robertson was lying on his face when Hickey came to his assistance and was unable to speak a word before he died.

W. J. O'Neill stated that he was working near Robertson and Shea but knew nothing of the accident until Shea informed him that his partner had been killed. The witness stated that he went to the scene and lifted a rock weighing fully 100 pounds from Robertson's back. O'Neill stated that he understood the men were picking down earth preparatory to placing another set of timbers.

Only Here a Few Months.
Thomas Hogan, shift boss at the St. Lawrence, stated that he had known Robertson for 15 years in different towns but that he had been working in Butte only a few months. He testified that the men had been instructed to put in a post and girt, but that there remained about two carloads of earth which must be removed before the timbers could be placed.

Deputy Mine Inspector John J. Barry stated that he had examined the place shortly after the accident and that there was room for a set of timbers but no more. He thought that the accident was not due to the fault of anybody and was one which could not be guarded against.

WHAT HAPPENED TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO TODAY?
Why Just Read These Extracts From the Files of the Inter Mountain of That Date and Be Made Wise.

The newspaper controversy between Bismarck and Windhorst has put an end to the present parliamentary coalition between the conservatives and the clericals in Germany. The political situation is darker than ever.

Guiteau's trial in Washington continues without a break. It is said the prisoner grows more nervous each day.

The west drift of the Wabash at a depth of 100 feet has penetrated the ledge for a distance of 53 feet. The ore in the face is very rich but not more than a foot wide.

The general railroad force now at work on the Pen d'Oreille division of the Northern Pacific is now very large and the work is being pushed along rapidly.

It having been represented to President Villard that Glendive and Miles City are without clergy or religious teachers of any sort, an order has been issued to the Northern Pacific to transport at half rates preachers of all denominations seeking missionary work in those two towns.

The mail route on the Utah & Northern has been ordered extended from Dillon to Butte.

The citizens of Helena are much exercised concerning the unsafe condition of many of the public buildings of that city. The Vienna horror has scared them out of their boots.

It is estimated that 17,000 bushels of wheat were produced this year in the lower Sun River valley.

MRS. ANNIE E. RASMUSSEN
Thinks She Would Like to Be Divorced From Her Husband, John.

Annie E. Rasmussen asserts that her husband, John Rasmussen, has beaten her several times and in general has been exceedingly cruel. Therefore she has filed a complaint in the district court, asking that the matrimonial partnership be legally dissolved.
The couple were married in Butte in 1899. Mrs. Rasmussen asks that she be allowed to resume her maiden name, Annie E. Babcock.
She asserts that she has not received support from her husband for a year.
Yankees Buying Heavily.
London, Dec. 13.—Telegrams from Middlesboro state that American interests have bought 700 tons of pig iron there. The market closed easy with mixed numbers. East Coast hematite Bessemer at 56s 3d.

CHRISTMAS SHOP TALK

There is no better index to the tastes of a town than its shops. Demand is the father of supply, and therefore the goods that are put before the people are an expression of their own desires. Now that Christmas is here, and one's heart and pocketbook is open in consequence, trade is at flood tide and the stores are grafted with all sorts and varieties of wares. Perhaps the most noticeable feature of this holiday-time is the beautiful pieces of art that are exhibited. During the past year several new firms have opened establishments in Butte, and those already here have adjusted their stocks to the growing call for the aesthetic and fine.

Even the toys express progress. Instead of the tin horse and wagon, surmounted by a rickshaw, one sees tiny automobiles, with elegant little doll passengers. Some of the trains, too, are remarkable devices, and among all of the great, glittering display there are many other signs of the times. Young America has moved on a good way since our forefathers used to be satisfied with peppermint candy, an orange or so, and a painted horn. Still, the venerable rag doll, the stiff-legged horse on wheels, the white cotton rabbits, all of which are fixtures in the infantile heart, hold their wonted places, and big-eyed babies clutch at them and pray Santa Claus for them just as they have always done.

If progression is seen in children's toys, the expression of the beautiful is seen in the elegant Oriental rugs, the mellow brasses, the old mahogany and the fine china that are shown this year.
Step into a dim half-light that suggests, rather than shows what it holds, tread softly over velvet-smooth Oriental rugs, watch the things about you gradually shape themselves into definite images, and you are in a proper frame of mind to appreciate what is to come when a multitude of electric lights blink out of the shadow and reveal the delicate beauties of objects whose presence you had never guessed. And unless you are possessed of adamant strength you may resign yourself to the Christmas spirit and may expect to come out "broke."

One of the most important innovations of the season is the introduction of Kaiserzinn pewter, one of the most exquisite metals for candlesticks, platters and such articles. There is a pair of candelabra, in Kaiserzinn, that is a study in design, and another charming bit is a dish wrought in a dragonfly pattern. From these one turns to the old brasses, particularly the tall candlesticks that collectors are mad about, and the urn-shaped coffee-pots. Naturally enough, with the brasses are the ancient, dull-finished mahogany tables and chairs, all severely plain, and ten-fold more exquisite for their simplicity. As one looks and admires, he is involuntarily thankful for the passing of the plush sofa, the tan-colored carpets with bunches of red roses and green leaves, and the neatly-executed pictures of boys, dogs and flowers, done in wool on perforated cardboard.

The spirit of William Morris is here at last. It takes time to educate and cultivate two continents, but he has succeeded, and his genius has penetrated the grim old Rockies themselves and shines in our houses and stores.

Those who think that Butte is an uncultivated, money-getting town, should spend the holidays here and push their way through the crowded shops. But there are enough right here at home who are appreciative, and one wonders if Santa Claus will not have to shut up his reindeer stables for good and all, and in accordance with the demands of the day, run an automobile instead.

THEY WANT TO GET ALL THE MEN IN TOWN IN
Business Men's Association Has Plans to Greatly Increase Scope and Influence of Organization.

The Business Men's association of Butte is endeavoring to extend its membership to include all the business men of the city. It is more than likely that at the meeting next Monday evening that a resolution will be adopted, reducing the membership fee or removing it entirely for the next 60 days. The initiation fee at present is \$10, and it is thought advisable to make it less or do away with the fee altogether for a time at least.

If the Business Men's association is to be a factor in the administration of the city's affairs it is absolutely necessary that there be concerted action among them. The association is a place where they can all meet to discuss affairs of importance and decide what is best for the business interests of the city. There is a strong feeling in favor of new blood and new energy in the association and an effort will be made to have every business man in the city become a member.

The committee on needed legislation, which was appointed last week, will make its report Monday evening. It is said that the committee will have some valuable suggestions to make in the matter of legislation needed and how to secure it. It is expected that the attendance will be large.

DEWEY SAYS THEY ARE HAVING SPLENDID TIME
Naval Maneuvers, Even if Little Attention is Paid to Them, Are Going Off Well Down There.

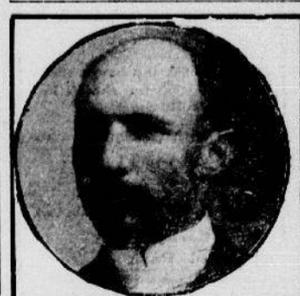
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, Dec. 13.—Admiral Dewey, in a cablegram received at the navy department yesterday, dated San Juan, December 11, announces the progress of the fleet maneuvers by the combined squadrons under his command. The cablegram follows:
"The combined squadrons are now assembled off Cuba, engaged in maneuvers. The search problem is completed, the squadrons under Rear Admiral Sumner having been successful. Forty men-of-war are participating in the exercises."
The operations are being watched by official representatives from the navy and war departments, and will continue until some time in January.

British Got That Treaty.
London, Dec. 13.—The foreign office has issued the text of an Anglo-Abyssinia treaty, which was ratified October 28. By the treaty Great Britain obtains the lease of a slice of territory near Itang, in the river Baro, as a commercial station, and the right to construct a railroad through Abyssinia connecting the Sudan with the Uganda territory.

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