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CHARLES LANNIN FOUND GUILTY

SWEET WILL BE TRIED TOMORROW IN JUSTICE TAYLOR'S COURT— EVIDENCE INSUFFICIENT.

Charles Lannin, charged with arson, was yesterday afternoon found not guilty by Justice Taylor of South Butte.

The trial started last Saturday. The testimony for the prosecution was heard first and was considered quite damaging.

Sweet will next be tried on the same charge before the justice. He admits that he set the store on fire, but says it was purely accidental.

Assistant County Attorney Dan Yancey is prosecuting the case and Samuel C. Herrin is attorney for the defendants.

Massive ink stands, letter trays and paper weights at Calkins.

UNCLE SAM WANTS A FEW YOUNG MEN TO SERVE HIM. So if You Can Fill Any of the Jobs He Has to Offer, Go Down and Take the Awful Quizzes.

Uncle Sam needs some intelligent, active young men for his civil service departments, and to this end J. E. Stephenson, local examiner for the United States civil service commission, will hold six examinations during the month of January.

On January 6 an examination will be held for an inspector of boilers. The successful applicant will be stationed at Galveston, Texas, and will be paid \$1,200 per year.

On January 20 there will be several examinations. One will be for an interpreter of English, the interpreter to be sent to Baltimore, Md., on a salary of \$900 per year.

On January 27 the commissioners will hold an examination for steward and bookkeeper at the United States penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., on a salary of \$900 per annum.

The examinations will conclude on January 28 when one will be held for medical clerks at salaries ranging from \$900 to \$1,200 per year.

Meet me at the Pfister. NOW GRACE IS UNDER ARREST FOR A THEFT. She is Jailed in Ogden for Separating a Friend From His Diamond Pin— Was Exonerated Here.

The report comes from Ogden, Utah, that Alma Andrews, better known in Butte as Grace Husted, is again under arrest, this time charged with separating a man of a diamond valued at \$100.

It will be remembered that the Husted girl was arrested there some time ago and brought to Butte at the instance of her brother.

After remaining in jail here for about a week she was released at the order of the county attorney. She claimed to the authorities here that she had been very much abused and that she had never been inside of a respectable house, but had gone to Ogden to secure work.

TO GIVE DANCE DECEMBER 30. Ladies of Equal Suffrage Club Will Entertain Right. The Equal Suffrage club of Butte will give a big ball on the evening of December 30.

It was also decided that during the hour preceding the dance a delightful musicale will be given. The Arion orchestra has been engaged to furnish the dance music.

WHEN COAL OPERATORS FALL OUT, ET CETERA. Regular and Independent Corporations in the Pennsylvania Fields Have Got to Upbraiding Each Other.

New York, Dec. 17.—President Baer of the Reading railroad made a statement yesterday deprecating the course pursued by the independent coal operators, who, it is alleged, have forced the price for their coal up to \$11.50 a ton to dealers, equal to \$14 to the consumer.

"Unfortunately there seems to be no way to compel them to sell down to the level fixed by the railroads," said Mr. Baer. "If their sense of obligation to the people cannot deter them from asking prohibitive prices, nothing the public or the railroads can do would be of any effect."

"The railroads cannot refuse to transport the coal. The law regulating the business of all public carriers prohibits it. The report that coal roads are selling railroads coal companies for disposal in the open market is absolutely false. We are doing everything in our power to keep down the price and get it to market quickly."

Notice to Stockholders. Butte, Montana, December 13, 1902. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Silver Bow National Bank of Butte City will be held Tuesday, January 13, 1903, at 4 o'clock p. m. at the banking house of said bank, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

Respectfully, FAYETTE HARRINGTON, Cashier.

TIMELY HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS FROM HENNESSY'S ART ROOM

THE prettiest room, filled with the prettiest goods, is this art room of HENNESSY'S. Everybody says so who has seen the best that can be shown. A Christmas present, more than any other, reminds one of the giver, and if it be beautiful as well as useful, the memory must needs be pleasant.

Therefore, a handsome piece of cut glass, a graceful vase or one of the many pretty pieces shown here enhances the appearance of any room and properly performs its mission. From the present time until Christmas we will sell these Choice China and Cut Glass, Bisque and Clay Statuary, Bronze and Marble Busts, Imported Steins and Trays, Plaques, Haviland China, Plates, Cups and Saucers and other pieces from the world-famous potteries of Coalport, Royal Crown Derby, Royal Bonn, Royal Worcester, Royal Vienna, Rookwood and Louwisa, at big discounts off regular prices.

All Cut Glass at One-Fourth Off. Lots of these handsomely cut pieces were received in Butte last week, but they all go at the cut price.

Cream and sugar sets, new patterns, well cut, regular price \$10.75, now \$8.10. Large olive dish with handle, was \$3.25, now \$2.45.

Berry bowls, cut from \$8.00 to \$6.00. 10-inch vases, new designs, were \$6.50, now \$4.90.

A fourth off the regular price of water bottles, decanters, ice cream sets, punch-bowls, berry dishes, vinegar bottles, water tumblers, wine glasses, rose bowls, cologne bottles, celery trays, water pitchers and other pretty pieces. Better goods and lower figures than any store in the state.

High Grade Haviland China at One-Fourth Off. Pretty pieces for presents in bowls, cups and saucers, after dinner cups and saucers, pudding dishes, ice cream sets, oatmeal sets, chop plates, celery trays, salad bowls, bonbons, etc.

A very handsome set of 12 Haviland cups and saucers in large fancy case, lined with white silk; regular \$24.00 values for \$18.00. Very pretty Haviland china celery tray, with rich gold and floral decorations; regular \$5.00 values for \$3.75.

Set of six high-grade Haviland china dinner plates with new rich gold trimmings and all decorated; \$12.50 set for \$9.40.

Very rich Haviland china salad bowl, 8-inch, richly decorated and trimmed with gold; regular \$6.00 bowl for \$4.50.

All Haviland Dinner Sets at One-Fourth Off. Seldom is it that goods of this description are sold for less than regular prices, but this sale takes in so much that it is desirable and out of the ordinary run of sales, hence its success.

100-piece richly decorated Haviland china dinner set, well assorted, all new shapes, with floral spray decorations; regular \$45.00 set for \$33.75. 100-piece Haviland china dinner set, with very pretty two-color border decoration, with gold trimmings, rich and effective; our \$55.00 sets for \$41.25.

100-piece very handsome Haviland china dinner set, with large pattern in floral decoration, heavily trimmed with gold, new and nobly shapes, open stock pattern from which you can buy just what is wanted; regular \$65.00 set for \$48.75.

English China at One-Fourth Off. We have a large and handsome assortment from all the leading potteries. The largest and best stock in the state.

Do you want a handsome cup and saucer for a present? Take your choice from Coalport, Minton and Crescent, richly decorated. They're simply superb. \$5.00 set, \$3.75; \$10.00 set, \$7.50, and all other prices in proportion.

A very handsome set of Ainton bread and butter plates in a satin-lined case, worth \$40.00, will be sold for \$30.00.

A beautiful set of Crescent china place plates, elaborately decorated; regular \$25.00 values, for \$18.75. A very swell set of Coalport plates, large size, superbly decorated; regular \$40.00 values, for \$30.00.

A set of Doulton cups and saucers, one of their finest productions in shape and decoration; was \$30.00, now \$22.50. A very swell set of Coalport cups and saucers, beautiful and richly decorated, in handsome silk-lined case; a bargain at \$50.00; now reduced to \$37.50 a set.

A very dainty set of Cauldon cups and saucers, all packed in neat case; regular \$20.00 values, for \$15.00. A strictly high grade French china fish set of 15 pieces, all new shapes, elaborately decorated; was \$60.00, now only \$45.00.

These include all metal art goods, dogs, horses, lions, tigers, deers, etc. \$2.00 bust, \$1.50 \$12.00 bust, \$9.00 3.00 bust, 2.25 25.00 bust, 18.75 7.00 bust, 5.25 \$25.00 figures, 18.75

Imported Steins and Trays From Germany at One-Third Off. Including tankards and steins of all kinds. \$2.00 steins, \$1.35; \$6.00 steins, \$4.00; \$3.00 steins, \$2.00; \$14.50 tankards, \$10.00; \$5.00 steins, \$3.35; \$15.00 tankards, \$10.00.

Hand Painted Plaques and Bisque Wall Figures at One-Third Off. \$3.00 plaques, \$2.00; \$2.75 plaques, \$1.85; \$6.00 plaques, \$4.00; \$5.00 plaques, \$3.35; \$7.00 plaques, \$4.70; \$9.00 plaques, \$6.00.

All Lamps at One-Fourth Off. Many of our high-grade lamps were shown for the first time last week, and all go at this reduced price.

A very pretty boudoir silver-plated lamp with colored shades; was \$10.00, now only \$7.50.

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Silver Plated Ware at One-Fourth Off. Heavy silver-plated ware, including the celebrated 1847 brand and that of other leading manufacturers, napkin rings, fruit knives, salad forks, soup ladles, children's cups, pie knives, cigar boxes, handsome tea sets, etc. all at one-fourth off.

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CONTESTS AGAINST CONTESTS

Thirteen Men Elected to the Legislature From Silver Bow County File Protest Against Contests Instituted on Behalf of Democratic Opponents.

Each of the men who has been officially declared elected to the legislature today filed with S. H. Roberts, clerk of the district court, a protest against the contest instituted on behalf of his democratic opponent.

A peculiar legal tangle is called to the attention of Mr. Roberts thirteen times—once in each petition. It is asserted that it would be impossible for him to name two justices of the peace as a commission to hear evidence in the contest cases.

According to the documents filed in the court today the clerk cannot legally appoint the justices in the time prescribed by law—not less than twenty days after the filing of the contests, nor more than thirty. This leaves the clerk of the district court in a quandary.

Mr. Roberts himself had been investigating and had come to the conclusion that there was very little for him to do. Practically the only lawbook needed to convince him of this was a calendar showing the months of December and January.

Were Filed Too Late. "If the contests had been filed one day earlier," said Mr. Roberts this morning, "it would have been possible to take some action. As it is I do not know just what to do. It certainly appears that nothing can be done to comply with the law. By calculating the holidays that intervene it would be impossible to begin in twenty days."

In the protests filed this morning the law is quoted as preventing action in the contests. Each of those signing a protest asserts that two justices who will be in office to make their report on the second day of the session of the legislature must be chosen. The law does not permit the appointing until after this date.

Only one justice was re-elected in Silver Bow county. Therefore there would not be any means of naming a commission. There are eight, but all but the one are

KNIGHTS OF KHORASSAN WILL INITIATE TONIGHT. Lurk About in the Neighborhood of the Pythian Castle and Drink in the Victim's Awful Shrieks.

If you don't believe there'll be big things doing tonight when the Knights of Khorassan hold their ceremonial session, just stand down on South Main street with both ears open and listen to the weird sounds that are sure to come from the Pythian Castle.

At tonight's annual ceremonial session over 30 candidates will be put through the awful ordeal to which all 3700s are subjected. After this everybody will adjourn to the hall upstairs, where the biggest banquet of the season will be given.

Space will not permit an account of the tortures which the poor Tyros have to suffer, nor the rich visions of which they will partake in the event they survive, but as before stated, you can get a faint idea of the proceedings by lurking about in the neighborhood of the castle and keeping eyes and ears open.

CHORAL SOCIETY IS TO BE FORMED

WILLIAM SMITH GOLDENBURG IS AT HEAD OF MOVEMENT TO UNITE SINGERS OF BUTTE.

The most important step taken in the local musical world in a long time is the formation of a choral society. The originator of the plan was William Smith Goldenburg of Cincinnati, a young man of rare musical talent, who is at present the organist at the First Presbyterian church.

It is the plan to hold weekly meetings and give a festival about twice a year. The first meeting will likely be held at the Presbyterian church in the near future, and it is said the choirs of both the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches will take a prominent part.

Mr. Goldenburg can be found at room No. 160, Pennsylvania block, and any one wishing to join the society can apply to him there. Every one who can sing is invited to join the society.

Elegant leather goods make substantial 'Xmas presents, at Calkins.

Of Interest to Druggists. Washington, Dec. 17.—Commissioner Yerkes of the internal revenue bureau has rendered a decision in which he rules that druggists and others who sell soda water drinks, claret soda, or some beverages to which distilled spirits, wine or any compounds thereof are added in any quantity, however small, are required to pay the special tax for retail dealers under the internal revenue tax law.

ONLY \$13.00. Via Great Northern railway Butte to Boulder Hot Springs and return, including one full week's board at Spring's hotel. On sale daily at ticket office, No. 41 Main street.

Holiday Rates. The Oregon Short Line will place on sale, December 24, 25 and 31, 1902, and January 1, 1903, excursion tickets to all points within 250 miles of Butte, good to return until January 3, 1903, at one fare for the round trip.

For further information call on or address H. O. WILSON, General Agent, 105 North Main St., Butte, Mont.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT. Brooklyn Mining Company, whose principal place of business is at No. 19 West Granite street, Butte, Montana. Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the 13th day of December, 1902, an assessment of one and one-fourth cents per share was levied on the capital stock of the corporation, payable on or before the 20th day of January, 1903, to E. S. Shields, secretary, at No. 19 West Granite street, Butte, Montana. Any stock upon which the assessment shall remain unpaid on the 20th day of January, 1903, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 18th day of February, 1903, at No. 19 West Granite street, to pay the delin-

room in Royal Worcester, Coalport, Royal Crown Derby, Doulton, Cauldon, Minton, Teplitz, Royal Bonn, Rookwood, Royal Vienna and others go at one-fourth off.

A beautiful piece of Royal Crown Derby, worth \$20.00, is marked at \$15.00. A very noble Coalport vase, all richly decorated, worth \$16.00, is cut to \$12.00.

Several very handsome pieces Royal Bonn, regular \$12.00 pieces, now only \$9.00. New and pretty pieces of Rookwood and Louwisa wire, \$6.00, now \$4.50 each.

Some very effective Royal Worcester pieces, handsome; \$50.00 values for \$37.50. Fine Statuary at Half Price.

Our entire stock of bisque and clay statuary, including some very handsome pieces, rich designs and effective styles; all at half regular price. What a saving!

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HOLIDAY BARGAINS

We know very well that in some people's minds there is a prejudice against buying unredeemed pledges, even though they are equally as good as new in appearance and condition, and for that reason we are bound as sensible merchants to sell our goods (that can't be told from new) at prices about half what stores handling exclusively new goods have to ask.

You will find these goods greatly underpriced, while we defy you to tell fourths of the articles named from brand new. Study our prices; see our stock.

Rings, baby, solid gold, best in Butte, for \$50c

Rings, misses', solid gold, with stone sets of great variety, \$1.00

Rings, lady's, turquoise fancy setting \$2.00

Rings, boys' garnet, emerald, topaz \$1.00

Ring, lady's, 2-stone bloodstone, \$2.50

Ring, man's, very heavy engraved Bocher ring, set with emerald, garnet, ruby sapphire \$3.00

Firgs, genuine solitaire diamond, \$3.50

Fob Chains, gold plate, 75c

Fob Chains, solid gold, \$5.00

Brooches, French enamel (all colors), Chatelaine Pins, 50c

Neck Chains, 14k, gold filled, \$1.00

Neck Chains, 14k, solid gold, \$3.00

Locketts, 14k, gold filled, set with brilliants and with sapphire, \$1.50

Opera Glasses, pearl, in fine case, fine lens \$4.00

Pens, solid gold, pearl handle, fine plush or leather case, \$1.50

Link Buttons, solid gold, \$2.50

Baby Cups, quadruple plate, 25c

Child's Set, knife, fork, spoon, 35c

Cleopatra Asp Bracelet, 26 inches long, hair wave, plated, solid gold ruby eyes; the oddest, most artistic and most elegant bracelet made; no duplicate to be had unless made to order; originally cost \$200. \$75

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