HELENA'S POSTOFFICE

The Postmasters Who Have Handled the Mail in the Years Gone By.

SOME RECOLLECTIONS.

Col. C. D. Curtis Submits His Annual Report, Which Will Prove Interesting to Gleaners of Statistics.

Helena is a young city and has never had but five postmasters, of whom all are alive. John Potter, Helena's first postmaster, is now living at Moreland, Gallatin county, but frequently pays visits to his old home to note the changes which have been made since it was a gulch thronged with miners washing out its auriferous sands. The other postmasters are S. H. Crounse, R. E. Fisk, D. H. Cuthbert, who served in the order named, and the present incumbent, Col. C. D. Curtis. Mr. Crounse was postmaster for twelve years, and was satisfactory to everybody. The first postoffice stood somewhere near the site of the INDEPENDENT office, and was a great resort for the men in the early days, when letters from home were so dearly prized. There was always a file of men waiting for their missive, and many stories are related of those that patiently waited for the letter that never came. Another feature of letters in those days was that of the many miners in contiguous camps who received their mail at the Helena postoffice. As the men could not leave their work to come to Helena one of their number acted as mail-carrier and made regular trips. He was provided with the list of names of his camp and this list was presented to the Helena postmaster, who delivered the mail, which he carried back, receiving from the miners twenty-five cents for each letter or paper. But that amount of money then was no more than penny postage now.

The second building used for a postoffice was the old Holter block on lower Main street. It was then removed to the building now occupied by Jacobi as a saloon, then to where the Chicago Clothing House now is, thence to the People's National Bank building, corner of Main and Wall streets, now occupied as a beer hall by Chris Mockel, and from there to its present location, the Masonic building on Broadway and Jackson street. The place was chosen for the post office as soon as completed and as it is centrally located is convenient to all. It is fitted up with the latest improvements in post office furniture, and though it is commodious is some time crowded for room. The free delivery system began under the present administration and was a boon to Helena citizens. The first allotment of carriers was found entirely inadequate, and by persistent asking the authorities at Washington the force was increased, though it can not be said that even now there are enough carriers to do the business. The clerical force is altogether too small for a rich and growing city like Helena, but will eventually, it is hoped, be so increased as to meet demands.

Helena is the end of four railway offices, which employ fifteen clerks besides a chief clerk, whose headquarters are here and who superintends the force under him from this point. Double the number of clerks could be used on the railways without being worked to death, as they are at present.

Postmaster Curtis has just finished his annual report, showing the amount of business the office has transacted. It is a splendid showing and will be found as follows:

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.

No.	Issued	Amount.
7,329	Domestic money orders	$109,725 38
	Fees on same	809 56
4,892	Postal notes	9,915 57
	Fees on same	146 76
2,760	International money orders	50,769 82
	Fees on same	450 40
5,926	Deposits from M. O. offices	750,491 00
		$922,308 89
	Sales of stamps, etc.—	
	Stamps, envelopes, etc	$37,055 14
	Rents of boxes	4,514 50
	Deposits from Montana postmasters	32,186 55
		$68,756 19
	Grand total	$991,065 08
	Paid—	
No.		Amount
3,590	Domestic money orders	$96,046 89
3,217	Postal notes	7,849 68
336	International orders	8,825 44
86	Money orders repaid	1,244 76
38	Postal notes repaid	14 73
8	International orders repaid	247 39
303	Drafts to P. M. New York	808,000 00
		$922,308 89
	Salaries and remit to Chicago	68,756 19
	Grand total	$991,065 08

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Letters, parcels, official and returned matter registered and forwarded to other offices for delivery	10,215
Letters, parcels, etc., received from other offices for delivery to addresses	18,943
Letters, parcels, etc., received from other post offices and railway postal clerks for transmission and distribution	102,312
Registered pouches made up and dispatched by this office	915
Registered pouches received from other offices	1,389
Total	133,774

The offices with which Helena exchanges through pouches are Chicago St Paul and Butte.

MAILING DEPARTMENT.

Outgoing mails—	
Letters received for mailing daily	7,125
Papers and parcels for mailing daily	840
From publishers were received for mailing (not including circulation in Lewis and Clarke county) 64 tons of printed matter.	
Letters, distribution daily	6,270
Parcels, distribution daily	40
Papers, distribution daily	2,800
Pouches sent (letters) daily	15
Pouches received (letters) daily	14
Canvas sacks sent (papers and parcels) daily	15
Canvas sacks received (papers and parcels) daily	27

CARRIER DEPARTMENT.

Letters delivered	263,669
Papers delivered	169,500
Postal cards delivered	29,988
Registers	1,868
Letters collected	289,323
Papers collected	9 449
Postal cards collected	20,779
Total pieces	744,116

From January to July the force consisted of four carriers. On August 1st two additional carriers were allowed, enabling a considerable extension of the service, which now extends over the entire city sufficiently built up to warrant service, also the Depot addition.

ORGANIZATION OF OFFICE.

Chas. D. Curtis—Postmaster.
F. E. Hoss—Assistant Postmaster.
Wm. M. Bishop—General Delivery Clerk.
C. B. Anderson—Mailing Clerk.
C. F. English, C. D. LaCroix, James Decham—Clerks.
James A. Eslick, Guy C. Bardwell, Henry M. Phillips, John A. Bennett, John O. Connor—Letter Carriers.
R. J. Johonnes, L. W. Keath, Frank Adkins—Substitutes.

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Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade has issued the following circular letter addressed to the citizens of Helena for the year 1889 and its publication is intended as a personal request made to each of the old members and to as many new members as may wish to join for the present year:

HELENA, M. T., Jan. 8, 1889.

SIR:—Your membership in the Helena Board of Trade is deemed important at the present time, in view of the effort now being made to place this home institution upon a financial basis that will enable it the better to advance the best interests of the city of Helena.

While keeping abreast of the time that promises propitious results in proportion to the united efforts put forth by the Board of Trade for the general good, the hope is expressed that this request for your membership is not made in vain. Upon the payment of $10 to T. H. Kleinschmidt, treasurer of the Helena Board of Trade, a certificate of membership will be issued to you for the year of 1889.

Respectfully Yours,
ROBERT C. WALKER,
Secretary.

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To Attorneys.

The INDEPENDENT will furnish briefs for the supreme court at the most reasonable prices. Work will be delivered upon the shortest possible notice.

PARDEE'S BONANZA.

A Few Points About the Iron Mountain Mine Coming Into Prominence.

J. K. Pardee came in from Philipsburg yesterday and brought with him several samples from the Iron Mountain mine, the discovery of which created so much excitement in Missoula recently. The property is located on the big bend of the Missoula river, midway between the mouth of Cedar and Jocko creeks. Mr. Pardee is very enthusiastic over his new acquisition and said last evening: "In all my eighteen year's experience in mining, I never saw anything to equal it." While making this remark he drew from his pocket a piece of quartz which was eye-dazzling. One side of the specimen glistened with the pure white metal. He said he had other larger specimens which he would show to-day at a meeting of Helena capitalists, who will meet to form a corporation to operate the Iron Mountain.

The report that Mr. Pardee had secured a bond on the property, he states, is not so. The mine has been bought and the cash will be paid before a share of stock is issued. While the gentleman would not give out what was the amount of the purchase price, he intimated that $100,000 would come close to it. In view of the fact that the ledge shows up for forty feet, he considers this amount a trifling sum to the real value of the ore in sight. The returns from the first carload of ore shipped, were 157 7-10 ounces silver and 53½ per cent lead to the ton. Mr. Pardee then showed two assay certificates of tests made from ore from the Iron Mountain. Twelve assays were taken, the result of the highest being 416 ounces silver and the lowest 17 ounces, while the others averaged up 107 ounces to the ton. Each carry a good percentage in lead.

A force of six men are at present working at the mine. A new tunnel is being driven 50 feet below the old tunnel, which was in 20 feet.

After the organization of the company, which will be perfected in a few days, Mr. Pardee says he will increase the force and intends giving the prosecution of the work his personal supervision.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Two Helena Lodges of Odd Fellows Hold a Joint Meeting.

Montana Lodge No. 1 and Excelsior Lodge No. 5, I. O. O. F., united last evening in the installation of their officers for the current year. S. I. Stone, D. G. M., assisted by Henry Asmussen as G. M., W. T. Boardman as G. W., E. E. Thieme as G. S., C. H. Connor as G. T. and J. H. McFarland as G. G. duly installed the officers of the respective lodges as follows:

MONTANA LODGE NO. 1.

N. G., Emil Kluge; V. G., W. H. Hunt; secretary, Massena Bullard; treasurer, Morris Silverman; P. G., John Winkleman; warden, George E. Kienzle; conductor, F. C. Thieme; O. G., J. Ginsberg; I. G., Robert Thompson; R. S. N. G., S. I. Stone; L. S. N. G., Tom Mackaness; R. S. V. G., G. B. Dorsey; L. S. V. G., A. M. Jacobi; R. S. S., Joseph I. Lebert; L. S. S., W. H. Orr.

EXCELSIOR LODGE NO 5.

N. G., Wm. H. McCann; V. G., J. Rummel; Sec'y, D. J. Wait; Treas., E. M. Gould; R. S., J. P. McCabe; L. S., James Wantz; Conductor, R. H. Beckwith; W., John Biler; O. S. G., C. D. Ebert; I. S. G., H. L. Jennison; R. S. S., David Keenan; L. S. S., G. A. Miner.

The lodges reported as being in excellent condition. Montana Lodge has 91 members, with a cash balance in treasury of $1,971.32. Excelsior Lodge has 117 members and a full treasury.

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PERSONAL.

J. E. Sites and wife are in from Wickes.

John S. Bristol came in from Canyon Ferry yesterday.

George H. Mullory, the Gorham sheep man, is in the city.

T. J. McGuire, of Anaconda, arrived in the city yesterday.

H. Lamont, of Missoula, is domiciled at the Cosmopolitan.

Edward Gorman, of Butte, is registered at the Cosmopolitan.

H. G. McMillan, of Salt Lake City, is a guest at the Grand Central.

Wm. Hermann, of the Butte Furniture company, is a guest in the city.

A. W. Shriver, one of Diamond City's merchants, is at the Grand Central.

D. D. Budd, discoverer of the Major Budd mine, arrived in the city last night.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. Berg and Mrs. Vanwart, of Townsend, are at the Meachants.

Judge Strevell, a prominent attorney of Miles City, is in attendance upon the supreme court.

Jos. B. Brun, of Basin City, is in town on business connected with his mining property in the Lowand district.

P. H. Maloney, of White Sulphur Springs, returned from a trip east last night and leaves for a few days visit to Great Falls to-day.

Geo. Hermann, the Helena furniture dealer, who has been in Germany for several months, has returned home, looking much improved from his journey.

Col. C. A. Broadwater and General Agent Shelby, of the Montana Central, made a flying visit to Butte yesterday. Col. Broadwater says the smoke was so dense that a snow-plow had to be used to clear a path for the train.

REPORTORIAL NOTES.

Several important estates will come up for probate before Judge Howey to-day.

Washington Camp No. 3, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, intend giving a grand ball on Washington's birthday.

Letters of administration will be made to the public administrator in the matter of the estate of Frank H. Parsons.

Martin D. Kelly, Livingston, Richard A. Harlow and Edward C. Russell, of Helena, were admitted to practice in the Supreme court yesterday.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Richard W. Rule, of Anaconda, and Carrie Getzenberger, of Helena, and they were married by Justice Fleischer.

Sheriff Jefferis took John Bond and John Sterling to Deer Lodge yesterday. Bond was sentenced for eight years for highway robbery and Sterling five years for involuntary manslaughter.

At the Y. M. C. A. rooms a meeting will be held to-night in observance of the week of prayer. The theme will be: The Family and the Church. Rev. Emil Uhl will lead the meeting. Those not engaged elsewhere, especially young men, are invited. The service will be from 7:30 to 8:30.

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Russell Will Return.

A gentleman just home from New York states that Russell B. Harrison, will not, as many people have been led to believe, reside in Washington during the president-elect's administration, and pose as the son of his pa. In fact, Russell would be in Montana to-day had he not been detained at Pittsburg. He left New York city about a week ago with the intention of coming to Helena direct. After leaving Pittsburg he promised to join his friend at St. Paul, but failed to do so. Nevertheless young Mr. Harrison will return and remain a Montanian, as he has large interests throughout the territory, especially in the territorial capital.

New Incorporation.

Articles of incorporation of the Bozeman Artesian Well company have been filed with the territorial secretary. The purposes for which the company is organized are selling, renting and dealing in all kinds of tools, machinery, and implements to be used for boring wells for gas, oil and water. Capital stock $10,000. Directors, J. E. Mendenhall, L. S. Willson, J. M. Lindley, E. S. Owenhouse, N. P. Clark, T. C. Burns, Louis Kruger, E. M. Gardner, G. W. Highsmith.

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"It's only a question of time," and a short time, too, as to when your rheumatism will yield to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

JONES' LITTLE DRAFT.

The First National Bank of Helena Cashes a Raised Check Presented by a Swindler.

HIS WINNING WAYS.

Probability That the Fellow Has Been Arrested and a Portion of His Ill-Gotten Wealth Recovered by the Officers.

A bold and successful swindle was perpetrated upon the First National bank of Helena Jan. 2. The affair has been kept secret to further the ends of justice according to the ideas of officials, but as the supposed thief has been captured in Winnipeg there is no further necessity for it remaining unknown. New Year's day a man giving the name of Jones made his appearance in Helena, coming as he said from Butte. He represented himself as a wealthy contractor from the Cœur d'Alenes and claimed he wished to purchase a residence for his brother, who lived in Butte. He went to a prominent real estate firm in the city and bought a lot in the residence portion of the city for $900, promising to pay for it next day, as New Year's day was a holiday and the banks were closed. The morning following, shortly after the banks were opened, he went to the real estate firm and asked one of them to accompany him to the First National and the request was complied with. Arriving at the bank, Mr. Jones presented a draft on the Traders' National bank of Spokane Falls for $2,500.

Mr. Jones informed the cashier that to save the trouble of being identified he had his signature sent over from the Butte bank, and after examination the signature was found to be correct, but to make assurance doubly sure the cashier examined the records where he found the same signature in connection with business done in November when Mr. Jones had drafts cashed for various large amounts, and Mr. Jones' draft for $2,500 was cashed without further investigation, the bank retaining $900, as requested, to pay for the lot upon which Mr. Jones intended to build a fine dwelling, upon the gentleman from whom he had bought it presenting the deed. Mr. Jones then placed the $1,600 in cash which had been paid him, in his inside pocket and left the bank. Mr. Jones also did not forget to leave the city.

The next day the real estate man presented the deed for the property Mr. Jones had purchased, and received $900, the deed being placed away for Mr. Jones when he should call for it. Shortly afterwards the bank received notification from the Traders National bank, Spokane Falls, that the draft had been raised from $25, and an investigation was begun. The matter was placed in the hands of the authorities who immediately began a search for the gentleman so clever with his pen, and a man answering the description was arrested at Winnipeg. Whether he is the man or not is still in doubt, but the money found upon his person tallied with that the thief received at the bank, a $1,000 bill being one of the notes he was paid and a bill of the same denomination was found upon the suspect. It is learned that Mr. Jones is a clever swindler, and that he perpetrated the same fraud at Spokane Falls.

NOT THIS YEAR.

St. Paul Has Given Up the Erection of the Ice Palace.

From Col. Broadwater it is understood that St. Paul will not have an ice palace this year. The colonel passed through St. Paul a few days ago and was informed that the only reason given for this action was that sufficient ice could not be procured in the immediate vicinity of the city and the expense to transport ice from the lakes and other points would be too great. The fact that the approaching meeting of the legislature, at which a senator will be elected, would draw great crowds to the city was an incentive to abandon the enterprise as it is thought the meeting of the Solons will furnish enough excitement for one season.

ORDERS POURING IN.

The Montana Investment Company Doing a Rushing Business.

Every one seems desirous of taking advantage of the great offer of the Montana Investment company, giving the public a chance in the drawing for the Aborn house at Des Moines, Iowa, and 153 cash prizes. Whole tickets are $5, and fifths $1, with a discount to those making large purchases. Remember the deed to the property is in escrow, and that the holder of the winning ticket will be a rich man for a small expenditure.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were filed in the recorder's office yesterday:

James Blake to Benson, bond for deed of lot 15, block 8, Blake addition	$900
A. E. Thorsburg to Henry Roen, lot 5, block 62, Helena townsite	6,000
Gilman Riggs to John Carlsen, lot 4, block 3, East Helena	125
H. D. W. Hewins to John D. Ripley, lots 13, 14, block 6, Hewins addition	225
Eugene Meyer to Frank Haney, lot 7, block 3, Helena townsite	500
R. B. Wallace et ux to John Gleason et al., lode claim in Stemple mining district	500
Sarah E. Spalding to John Storrock, ground in block 389 Helena townsite	100

Winter Excursions to California.

On the 15th day of every month the Northern Pacific Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and return at $75; to Los Angeles and return $94. These tickets have an extreme limit of six months from date of issuance and can be used going any time within sixty (60) days from date of sale. Stop-overs allowed at any point desired—either going or returning—within limit of ticket. Excursionists have choice of two routes from Portland—by steamer, or by rail, via the famous Mount Shasta route.

Bear in mind that the Northern Pacific is the only line running through sleeping and dining cars to the Pacific coast.

A. L. STOKES, General Agent.

Ice Carnival Excursion.

The St. Paul Ice Palace and Carnival, which will be held in January, will doubtless attract hundreds of visitors from Montana. In view of this fact the Montana Central has made an excursion rate to St. Paul and return of $40 for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale January 20 to 26, inclusive, and are good for ninety days. This will not only allow Montana people to visit St. Paul during the carnival but also to extend their trip to other eastern points.

A Montana Testimonial.

I injured my eye two years ago, which caused intense pain ever since, and entire loss of vision, and the other eye began failing rapidly. Dr. Parsons, oculist and aurist, Helena, Montana, removed the eye in September, since which time I have had no pain, and the other eye has entirely recovered.

WM. BLAIR,
Custer Station, Mont.

Ice Carnival.

A good opportunity is afforded every one to take in the St. Paul Ice Carnival from Jan. 23 to Feb. 1. The Northern Pacific will have round trip tickets on sale from Jan. 20 to 26 inclusive and good for ninety days. Price, $40 for the round trip.

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Job Work.

The INDEPENDENT job rooms are now the most complete in the territory. Within the past few weeks we have received a complete line of new type, and are now prepared to do both plain and fancy work on the shortest notice.

A SMALL STRIKE.

The Night Men on the Switches Quit, Claiming Double Work Is Required.

The night force of switchmen in the Northern Pacific yard at this place quit work last evening and the yardmasters did the switching through the night. As soon as the news came up into the city an INDEPENDENT reporter was sent to investigate. An inquiry at the manager's office at the depot was made and the reporter was informed there was no strike. Six men had become dissatisfied with their work and six men had been put in their places. That is all there was in it. Some of the men who had stopped work were seen and asked as to the status of affairs and their story was to the effect that a switch engine had been taken away on the grounds that the business of the road did not warrant such an expenditure. By taking this engine off the men claimed that their labors were multiplied and that other men were deprived of work who needed it. As for the road saying work had slackened was not true, because to their certain knowledge it had increased. The men claimed no men had taken or would take their places because most of those out of work belonged to their society, and there were no scabs among them. They quit work because they were imposed upon, and did not propose to stand it. The yardmasters were switching and no men had been hired. Both sides of the story are given.

ARE THEY THE SAME.

John Gujon Arrested For Resembling a Fugitive From Justice.

Sunday night a deputy sheriff arrested a man at Strahan's gambling rooms and locked him up on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. The man gave his name as John Gujon. Yesterday he was taken before Justice Fleischer and fined $70 and costs, which he paid. It appears the reason the arrest was made was because the man is supposed to be a fugitive from justice. His description answers that of Lyman D. Follett, for whom a reward of $1,000 is offered. Follett was formerly probate judge of Kent county, Michigan and while he held that important position committed numerous robberies and forgeries, which were no discovered until after his term of office had expired. Circulars bearing a description and pictures of Follett were sent out over the country, and one of them is now in the sheriff's office. Persons who have seen Gujon and the pictures of Follett unite in saying that the two are the same. If Gujon is not Follett and wishes to travel, he is liable to arrest wherever he goes and will have to go to the trouble of proving a case of mistaken identity.

What They Say About Johnson's Cyclopædia.

Mr. C. Hedges, of the Helena Herald, testifies as follows: "A cyclopædia is a condensed library, and of all the competitors for public favor in this productive field of combined skill, industry and wealth, none stands higher in real merit than Johnson's, which is second to none in any respect and easily leads all others in several respects. I should have no hesitation in advising any one in need of the best cyclopædia to buy Johnson's. It is hard to see how an intelligent man can keep house without a good cyclopædia. It will pay a hundred per cent every year to the person who will own and use it."

Hon. Massena Bullard of recent date writes: "I have given Johnson's Encyclopedia a sufficient examination to satisfy me that it is a work of unusual merit. It contains a large amount of information in more condensed form and presented in a more popular way than more voluminous and expensive works of like character. I know of no work that is in the same space and for the same price provides so much, such varied and such desirable information.

Prof. Geo. C. Swallow, among other things, says: "Johnson's Universal Cyclopædia is the best work of the kind ever published in America. The best men in the country were employed, even to the minutest details. Never were so many men who stand at the head of their departments of learning employed upon any one book as were engaged in the preparation of this magnificent work. Whoever buys it will have the best information on every important subject of human knowledge. The mechanical part of the work is in keeping with its contents. It is a library in itself, and should be in every intelligent family; and a family can scarcely be intelligent without a good cyclopædia."

A. J. Johnson & Co., publishers, 11 Great Jones street, New York.

NOTE.—J. M. Largent, of Cascade, agent for Montana, is in the city.

Territorial Supreme Court.

Budd, administrator, vs. T. C. Power & Co. et al.: reset for Friday, Jan. 11.

Dan Gamer et al. vs. John H. Glenn et al.; set for Jan. 13.

David Fratt vs. J. J. Walk et al.; set for Jan. 10.

Territory vs. Rowan; motion for rehearing submitted.

United States vs. Ringeling et al.; set for Wednesday, 9.

Sanford Ruffeur et al. vs. Amos Williamf et al.; placed on docket for purpose of moving its dismissal.

Marcum vs. Colman; motion for rehearing submitted.

Joseph Alesina vs. J. C. Stock et al.; continued.

Will Inspect the Pen Yan.

Geo. W. Irvin II. came over from the west side metropolis last evening. This morning he will leave for Wickes to inspect the the Pen Yan and Blue Bird mines for a Butte syndicate, of which he is a member. It is said of the Pen Yan that in sixty days it produced $69,000 in gold and silver, the ore being treated at Wickes. Mr. Irvin says he intends to investigate and see why work was stopped after such a flattering showing. The Blue Bird is said to look very well and should it please Mr. Irvin, a "mining deal" will be the outcome.

Encore Club Notes.

At the regular rehearsal of the Encore club, Monday night, it was voted to give the soiree on Wednesday evening, January 16. The chorus is large and enthusiastic, the orchestra industrious and artistic, and an energetic reception committee has been appointed who will insure a social success. At the same meeting it was unanimously decided to produce the opera "Ermine" before Lent. The time may appear short, but the club may be trusted to accomplish it and do it well.

There Was Nothing in It.

It appears that great injustice has been done Frank Stinson, the boy arrested not long since for "knocking down" on the Montana Central railway. Frank was a a newsboy and retained some of the funds of his employer, only asking that a settlement should be made, and his employer hastily had him arrested, an act which he now regrets. The prosecution was dropped and everything has been satisfactorily settled. Frank emerges without a stain upon his character and as many friends as he ever had.

Week of Prayer.

Topic for Wednesday, Jan. 9: The Family and the Church. For parents, children, masters and servants, Deut. 6: 1-7, Ep. 5: 1-9, 11. Tim. 1: 5. For ministers, officers and members; for Christlikeness on heart and life; for increased activity, personal and associated; for Sunday schools; for associations of young men and young women; for all forms of church for the oneness of all believers; II. Thess. 3; I. Is. 62: 1-4. John 1: 36-46, Mk. 2: 3-5, Joel 2: 28, John 17: 20-24.

Don't forget to shake the bottle well before taking a dose of Curo. This medicine cures tickling in the throat.

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San Francisco and Los Angeles Excursion Rates.

On January 15th and the same date each month thereafter, the Union Pacific railway company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco at the following rates from Helena. Going and returning via Ogden, $75; going via Ogden and returning via Portland (either by rail or steamer between San Francisco and Portland) or vice versa, $90. Los Angeles and return, going via Ogden and returning same, $85. Tickets to above points include side trips, Ogden to Salt Lake City and return. All the above tickets are good sixty days going, extreme limit six months from date of sale and allow stop-over privileges in both directions within the limit. Through Pullman cars between Helena and Pocatello via the Montana Central and Butte, leaving Helena daily at 7:20 a. m.

A. E. VEAZIE,
Trav. Pass. Agt., 28 N. Main St.

THE WEATHER.

Temperature Yesterday at Helena and at Various Other Points in the Northwest.

The temperature in Helena yesterday, as shown by R. S. Hale & Co.'s Yale College observatory thermometer, was as follows: 7 a. m., 12 degrees above zero; noon, 11 above; 6 p. m., 11 above; 10 p. m., 10 above.

Dispatches to the INDEPENDENT last evening show the following conditions at the points named at 6 o'clock:

Anaconda—Clear, calm, 10 above.
Butte—Clear, calm, 10 above.
Battle Creek, N. W. T.—Clear, calm, 12 above.
Deer Lodge—Clear and calm, 20 above.
Fort Assiniboine—Clear, northwest wind, 20 above.
Fort Benton—Clear and calm, 17 above.
Fort Shaw—Clear, calm, 13 above.
Great Falls—Clear and calm, 18 above.
Marysville—Hazy and calm, 12 above.
Philipsburg—South wind, snow, 15 above.

To His Last Resting Place.

The remains of J. E. Hart were taken to Bozeman last evening for interment and will be buried to-day. Quite a number of the friends of the deceased accompanied the body to the depot. Among those that took the train for Bozeman and will attend the funeral services were John T. Murphy, Henry Armstrong and W. L. Green. Mrs. Hart was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Frazier and other Bozeman friends.

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HELENA IN BRIEF.

Seals and stencils at Kemp's assay office.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer.

James W. Barker, merchant tailor.

Carnations fifty cents per dozen at Wells' conservatory, South Davis street.

Go east via the Montana Central and Manitoba railways, the new sleeping and dining car route to St. Paul and the east. Through trains leave Helena daily at 11:35 a. m.

James M. Barker has moved his tailoring establishment to No. 15 North Main street, the building lately occupied by the Montana Railroad company, and will be glad to have all of his patrons call on him there.

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Fatal Fight Between Italians.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—John Passanti and Antonio Gascano, Italians, quarrelled tonight near their residence and were soon rolling together in the muddy street, Passanti all covered with blood and mud. A detective, however, stopped him and marched him back to Elizabeth street, where they found Gascano lying with his throat cut to the bone and a razor near by in the gutter. The razor handle was broken by the force of the stroke.

Big New England Storm.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—A severe sleet storm in parts of northern New England and southern Canada yesterday did much damage to trees and telegraph wires. Huge trees were broken down, and the ice on some telegraph poles weighed four tons. The storm also extended to northern New York.

Fatal Collision.

DECATUR, Ill., Jan. 8.—A train on the Illinois & Indiana road collided with a caboose containing section men this morning, killing Wm. Joy, section boss, and wounding five others badly.

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LOST—A case containing a pair of gold bowed spectacles. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at this office.

LOST—A certificate of deposit on Hoge, Daly & Co., for $1,000, and one for $700. I will pay reward of $50 for their return to Hoge, Daly & Co. Checks are valueless to anyone else. Peter Niven.

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NOTICE—To Whom It May Concern: We, the undersigned, firm, will not be responsible for any debts contracted but those contracted under the firm's name. M. H. Halle & Co., manufacturing confectioners.

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IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A ROOM in any part of the city, call upon us and save lots of time and trouble. Witherbee & Hunter.

WANTED—Clean, cotton rags, for wiping, at INDEPENDENT press room.

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Excelsior Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.

A regular meeting of the above Lodge will be held this (Wednesday) evening at their Lodge room in this city at 7 o'clock.

Sojourning Brothers are cordially invited to attend.

D. J. WAIT, Secy. CHAS M WILLIAMS, N. G.

Notice of Final Proof.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONT., January 7, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver, at Helena, Mont., on February 11, 1889, viz: Noe Parent, who made homestead application No. 2,265 for the ne. ¼ sec. 30, tp. 11 n., r. 3 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Homer Ely, David Johnson, Edmond La Chappelle and Godfrey Laselle, all of Helena, Mont.

S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

Street Grading.

Sealed proposals for the grading of Ewing street, between Broadway and Bridge street, will be received at the office of the undersigned, room 9, Holter block, until Saturday, Jan. 12, 1889, at 12 o'clock M. Proposal should state separately prices for earth, loose rock and solid rock. A certified check for $50 should accompany each bid.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the city council.

A. C. BOTKIN, City Clerk.

Dated Helena, Mont., Jan. 7, 1889.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver, at Helena, Mont., on February 12, 1889, viz: George H. Reed, who made preemption D. S. No. 9,066 for the nw ¼ sw ¼ sec. 22, tp. 11 n, r. 3 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Harding, William Reed, Anton Seymer, and Henry Kelly, all of Helena, Mont.

S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

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