THE LEGISLATURE.

Council Refuses to Pass the Bill Transferring Moneys in Road and Poor Funds to General

LICENSING ENGINEERS.

Numerous Other Measures Introduced and Discussed—Speaker Mantle and Representative Murray Receive Bouquets.

Considerable business was transacted in the council yesterday. House bill No. 4, which provides for transferring moneys from county road and poor funds to the general fund was defeated. The bill providing a commissioner to examine stationary engineers and granting them licenses was passed. Brown introduced a bill amending section No. 1,121 of the general laws, which makes it a penalty to leave down bars as well as to leave gates open, which was ordered printed. The bill for regulating the time for certain acts to take effect was passed. Among the petitions presented were one from people of Glendive praying for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; from Miles City asking a bill be passed closing saloons from 12 o'clock Saturday night to 12 o'clock Sunday night, and petitions from several counties asking for the passage of Kennedy's Australian election bill or a similar law.

The house, though it sat out the forenoon and afternoon sessions, did not get through with much business. The reason for this was because Speaker Mantle and Representative Murray each received a basket of flowers and refused to tell the names of the donors.

THE COUNCIL.

Mr. Bickford was absent at roll call yesterday, having gone home to attend the funeral of Major McCormick. Leave of absence was granted him. The chaplain was also absent and the failure to have prayers seemed to have a depressing effect on the members.

Olds presented a communication from citizens of Madison county in regard to the bill for regulating medical practice in the territory. The communication was an effort to throw ridicule on the measure now under consideration, and was referred to the special joint committee having the matter in charge.

Conrad sent up a communication which proved to be a petition from Glendive people to the United States senate asking for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors. The petition was withdrawn.

Middleton presented a petition signed by thirty-eight citizens of Miles City asking that a law be passed requiring that saloons be closed between midnight of Saturday and midnight of Sunday. It was referred to the committee on territorial affairs.

Collins presented a petition from 164 people of the Neihart and Barker mining districts, Meagher county, asking annexation to Cascade county. Collins said the petition was practically a unanimous expression of the people in the districts mentioned. The petition was referred to the councilmen from Choteau, Cascade, Gallatin and Meagher.

Kennedy presented several petitions from citizens of Meagher county asking for the passage of an election law embracing the main features of the Australian system. The petitions contained the names of forty-nine persons living in the vicinity of White Sulphur Springs, thirty-one at Clendennin, five at Unity and twenty-nine at Diamond City. Kennedy said he had gone over the list with a prominent and well-informed gentleman of Meagher county, who had expressed surprise at the high character of the parties signing the petition and who had certified to a large proportion of them being representative men of all political parties and of all lines of business. He expressed the hope that the committee on elections, to which council bill No. 8, covering the points asked for, had been referred, would take an early opportunity to consider the bill. The petitions were referred to the committee on elections.

Thompson, of Deer Lodge, from the engrossing committee, reported council bill No. 1, providing for a territorial board to inspect steam boilers and examine and license engineers, as correctly engrossed. It was filed for third reading.

A message from the house announced that council bill No. 4, admitting women to practice law had passed that body, and the bill was sent to the enrolling committee.

The boiler inspection bill was read a third time, but a conflict appearing in some of the sections the bill was amended and again sent to the engrossing committee.

Collins asked to be excused for a day or two or perhaps longer, he having just received a dispatch announcing illness in his family. Leave of absence was granted.

Council went into committee of the whole, Kennedy in the chair. Consideration of the house bounty bill was again postponed. Council bill No. 19, relating to vagrants, and council bill No. 20, concerning the drawing of juries, were considered and recommended for passage. House bill No. 4, providing for the transfer of moneys from the road and poor funds to the general fund, was considered and unfavorably recommended.

The committee rose and council resumed. The chairman reported council bills Nos. 19 and 20 were referred to the engrossing committee, house bill No. 4 was placed on file for third reading, and the council took a recess until 2. m.

When council resumed Kennedy presented a petition from forty-three citizens of Dawson county asking for the Australian system of voting, and stated that the signers were equally as good citizens as had signed the petitions of like character heretofore presented. The petition went to the committee on elections.

Thompson, of Deer Lodge, from the engrossing committee, reported council bill No. 1, for the inspection of steam boilers, and council bill No. 17, regulating the taking effect of certain acts of the legislature, as correctly enrolled, and the bills were placed on the calendar for third reading.

Thompson, of Deer Lodge, from the printing committee, reported council bill No. 26, the special committee's bill against gambling, as correctly printed, and it was referred to the committee on ways and means.

The same gentleman, from the special committee on council bill No. 25, defining the boundaries of Deer Lodge county, reported the bill with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on towns and counties. The bill was so referred.

Brown introduced council bill No. 31, amending section No. 1121 of the general laws. The bill adds the leaving down of bars to the offense of leaving open gates. It was read first and second times and ordered printed.

House bill No. 4, for the transfer of moneys from road and poor funds to general funds, was read the third time and defeated by a vote of ten to none.

The bill for the appointment of a territorial commission to inspect steam boilers and examine and license engineers, was read the third time by title and passed without a dissenting vote.

Council bill No. 17, regulating the time when certain acts of the legislature should take effect, was passed unanimously by the members present.

A message from the governor announced that he had nominated and appointed Herbert Holloway as territorial veterinary surgeon. That officer's present commission expiring to-day. The nomination was referred to the committee on grazing and stockraising. The council then adjourned.

HOUSE.

After the usual preliminaries Carver, from the committee on incorporations, reported council bill No. 15 with amendments and the recommendation that as amended the bill pass. The bill was placed on general orders.

Hunt, from the judiciary committee, reported council bill No. 11 with amendment and the recommendation that as amended the bill pass.

Roberts, from select committee, reported council joint memorial No. 7, relative to the sale of mines to aliens with amendment and the recommendation that as amended the bill pass.

Congdon gave notice of a bill to amend chapter 22, fifth division of the compiled statutes.

Joslyn gave notice of a bill for the suppression of lottery schemes.

Blakeley introduced house bill No. 23, an act to provide for the appointment and salary of probate clerks. The bill provides that probate judges be allowed to appoint probate clerks, who shall draw a salary of $1,200 a year, and when such appointment is not made the judge shall be ex-officio probate clerk and draw the additional salary.

The bill was read and ordered printed.

Roberts introduced house bill No. 24, an act to annul section 1008, chapter 58 of the compiled statues. As amended the section will read "When divorce shall be decreed it shall and may be lawful, for the court to make such order touching the alimony and maintenance of the wife, the care and custody of the children, as from the circumstances of the parties and nature of the case shall be reasonable and just, and in case the wife be complainant, to order the defendent to give reasonable security for such alimony and maintenance or she may refuse the payment of such alimony and maintenance in any manner consistent with the rules and practice of the court; and the court in chambers may also grant alimony "a pendente lite" and may make any sustaining order concerning the property of the defendant in the discretion of the court, and the court may on application from time to time make such allowances or alterations in allowances of alimony and maintenance as shall appear reasonable and just. The bill was read and ordered printed.

Jones introduced house bill No. 25. The bill prohibits the keepers of saloons or rooms where any game of chance is played from allowing boys under the age of 21 years to enter under a penalty of a fine of not less than $10 or more than $100 and imprisonment in the county jail not less than one nor more than thirty days or both. Any minor who shall knowingly or habitually lounge around a saloon or shall fraudulently represent himself over the age of 21 years or obtain intoxicating liquors shall be fined not less than $5 nor more than $50, or imprisonment in the county jail not less than one nor more than thirty days. All fines collected from this source are to go to the school fund.

The bill was read and ordered printed.

The house resolved itself into committee of the whole, Saxton in the chair.

The committee recommended that council bill No. 16, an act relating to the office of police magistrate pass, also council bill No. 11 relative to the duties of county attorneys pass; also substitute for house bill No. 9, relative to the protection of game and fish and recommended that the bill pass.

The house resumed and house bill No. 13, which requires screens to be placed in the heads of ditches to prevent fish from entering the same was referred to the committee on territorial affairs.

House bill No. 14 relating to the transfer of the dower rights of insane married women was referred to the judiciary committee and a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

While the members were engaged in chatting, smoking, reading, or writing letters, and shortly before the gavel fell and the house was called to order, Sergeant-at-Arms Lund slowly moved down the central aisle, a smile upon his countenance and an elegant bouquet in his hand. The latter, with some show of dignity and no little grace was deposited on the speaker's stand. The face of the honorable gentleman flushed with pleasure, and his hand fumbled nervously among the fragrant flowers. The search was rewarded by the discovery of a delicate card, but at the same moment the clock struck the hour of 2 p. m. Obedient to the call of duty, the chair put aside its blushes and sternly called the house to order.

Saxton, from committee of the whole, reported a substitute for house bill No. 9, with amendments, which were adopted and ordered printed; council bill No. 15, relating to the office of police magistrate, with the recommendation that it pass. Adopted.

Action on the report was further interrupted by the sergeant at arms who announced that he had been commissioned to place on Murray's desk an elegant floral tribute. With envious eyes the members watched the gallant official as with beaming face and graceful measure he glided toward the gentleman's desk and deposited the treasure. Murray blushed.

Joslyn inquired whether any explanation accompanied the gift. Murray dreamily replied that he had found a card which satisfactorily explained matters to himself; he regretted that he was not at liberty to make explanations that would gratify the curiosity of the member from Deer Lodge. (Laughter). The question then recurred on the original motion as to who had presented flowers to the chair. The speaker briefly announced that they were the gift of a friend from Butte, George F. Marsh.

The matters being satisfactorily adjusted action on the report of the committee of the whole was resumed and council bill No. 11, relating to the duties of county attorneys with amendments was ordered printed.

Congdon reported house bill No. 16, which establishes the office of inspector of mines as correctly printed, and the bill was referred to the committee on mines and mining.

The house resolved itself into committee of the whole, Hunt in the chair, and considered council joint memorial No. 7, relative to the sale of mines to aliens. The amendment offered by the select committee was adopted, and the motion that when the committee rise it recommend that the memorial as amended pass, was adopted.

The house resumed, the report of the committee of the whole was adopted, and it was ordered that the memorial be engrossed.

Garrett, from committee on towns and counties, reported council bill No. 7, relative to the building of free bridges, with amendments and the recommendation that as amended the bill pass. The bill was placed on general orders.

Davis offered house joint resolution No. 5 for the relief of A. C. Logan, J. H. Meyers and R. H. Howie, which reads as follows:

Resolved, by the legislative assembly of the territory of Montana that the sum of $25 be paid to A. C. Logan, $30 to J. H. Meyers and $15 to R. H. Howie for services rendered as members of the school book commission.

The rules were suspended the resolution considered engrossed, placed upon its final passage and passed by unanimous vote.

The house again went into committee of the whole, Joslyn in the chair, and considered council bill No. 7, which authorizes county commissioners to build free bridges. Different opinions existed as to the necessity for the bill, and after a general exchange of ideas on the subject it was recommended that it be referred to a select committee consisting of members from Gallatin, Park, Meagher and Jefferson counties.

The house resumed and adopted the report of the committee of the whole.

Council bill No. 15 relating to the office of police magistrate was read the third time and passed by unanimous vote and the house then adjouned to 10 o'clock today.

SNOW WANTED.

An Old Timer Says Fair Weather is Not Needed, But Snow Is.

"Of course I like this weather as well as any one," said Judge Caleb Irvine, of Butte, "I can stand as much sunshine as most anybody, and these balmy days give me a new lease of life. But I look ahead. In this country where there is but little rainfall we must depend upon snows. The more snow the more water we have in the streams to irrigate with and the longer the snow stays on the better grass we have. I am afraid if this weather continue it will be poor picking on the ranges. What we want during the winter months are heavy snows, plenty of them, snows that will cover the mountains, fill the gulches and pack down solid, so as to melt slowly when warm weather comes. I have lived in Montana a good many years and can say that a dry winter is not the kind of weather stockmen and ranchmen need. I don't like severe cold weather, but plenty of snow is a necessity.

"If it hadn't been for the unusual rains we had last spring, crops and grass would have dried up and the people of the territory would have suffered. It may be true that our seasons are gradually changing and that we will have more rain in the future, and if such is the case I would want such weather as we have been having for the past fortnight all winter. But I can't see that seasons are changing to any great extent. There may be a little more rain than formerly, and there is, according to old timers, but the records of the signal service station do not show such to be the case, and the latter are more apt to be correct. I am no croaker, but if we do not have heavy snows this month or in March cattle will have to rustle next summer."

Progress.

It is very important, in this age of vast material progress, that a remedy be pleasing to the taste and to the eye, easily taken acceptable to the stomach and healthy in its nature and effects. Possessing these qualities, Syrup of Figs is the one perfect laxative and the most gentle diuretic known.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

RUSTLING SHERIFFS.

Dissatisfied With the Fee System They Want the Legislature to Pass a Bill to Relieve Them.

STILL IN COUNCIL.

Rumor That the Montana Central Will Extend its Lines to New Coal Fields—Ore in the San Francisco Assayes Rich.

In the county commissioners room at the court house the sheriffs of Montana assembled yesterday afternoon. With the exception of Missoula and Cascade every county in the territory was represented. The meeting was to talk over grievances, the principal one being that of the existing fee law, which they claim barely pays the expenses of the office and in some instances does not do this. As the law stands it gives the sheriffs the fees of his office; with these all expenses, such as salaries for deputies have to be paid and the sheriffs claim there is not sufficient left to live upon. But little was done at yesterday's meeting, and but little can be accomplished by the sheriffs anyhow. The United States law says that no officer's salary shall be changed during incumbency. It is thought, however, that a general law can be passed by the legislature if that body is so inclined, and it seems to be the general impression that the members feel very favorable towards remedying in a degree the existing evil.

A committee was appointed to draw up a bill or points that will be presented at today's meeting, which will be made into a bill, and this will be presented to some member of the legislature to introduce. While the meeting was a strictly private one it was gleaned that the sense of it was that $2,000 salary and the fees of the office would be a reasonable compensation. This was not decided upon as being what they desired, exactly, as it has been understood such a demand would not be granted by the legislature. Each sheriff presented comparisons of the earnings of the past and present terms of office, all of which will be embodied in a resolution to be presented to the legislature. Another meeting will be held this morning.

An east side sheriff was asked by an INDEPENDENT reporter, why the salary and fee law was not considered during the clamor for shrievalty nomination. He replied that it was, but assurance had been given them that this legislature would fix the matter entirely satisfactory.

"In the event of nothing being accomplished, what will be the result?"

"The result will be that many of the sheriffs will resign. Several of them in the counties where official business is slack have determined on this point. Why in a few of the eastern counties, where there is hardly anything for a sheriff to do in two weeks, he is given county warrants which sell at a discount. And there is Sheriff Gleason of Glendive; since he assumed office he has had only one prisoner whose term expired a week ago, and now the jail is empty. I just mention this to show you how little revenue is derived in such counties out of boarding county prisoners. In the larger counties, where from fifteen to twenty prisoners are in jail all the time, a pretty good thing is made by the sheriff. In fact, the board of prisoners is the most profitable part of the office."

Railroad Rumors.

A gentleman from Great Falls brings the information, which he claims to have from a reliable source, that the Montana Central contemplate at a very early date building a branch to Lethbridge, in the Northwest Territory, to tap the coal fields at that point. At different times it has been reported that the Galt line, which runs into Lethbridge, intended building into Montana as far as Butte. It may be possible that the Manitoba people have entered into some arrangement with the Galt road for the construction of the proposed line. There is considerable conjecture as to why the Montana Central wants to reach a new coal field when it has the extensive Sand Coulee deposits.

Sam Bundock, a well-known Montana engineer, arrived in the city yesterday. This gentleman made the location of the Billings, Clarke's Fork & Cooke City railroad. He states that this road is establishing permanent officers at Billings; also, that engineering headquarters have been established for the Fort Benton branch, which he believes will soon be started.

The San Francisco.

Several samples of the rich strike of ore made in the San Francisco mine last week were received in this city yesterday and are on exhibition at the Cosmopolitan. The composition is quartz and sulphide of lead and iron. As soon as it was received a sample was taken to the office of C. E. Kemp by Ben Folk and an assay made, the object being to assure himself that its richness was more than idle rumor. The assay certificate was shown an INDEPENDENT reporter. It read: "Silver fifty-four ounces to the ton at ninety-three cents per once, $50 68; gold 4 83 ounces at $20 per once, $96.60; total, $147 28. Besides this showing the assayer adds that the ore carries probably twenty per cent. lead or more which would make it worth from $12 to $15 more per ton.

In St. Louis yesterday San Francisco closed at 85¾ bid, 85 asked. West Granite, 1.05 bid; sales, 7½ strong.

REPORTORIAL NOTES.

The Caroline Gage Keene Dramatic company will begin a week's engagement at the opera house next Monday night.

Wm. Biggenstaff, colored, was arrested yesterday. He broke a chair on the head of a brother colored man on Clore street.

The Montana Central has a splendid system of snow breaks along its line and has not in the least been troubled by snow drifts.

J. A. Livingston and Amelia Diment were granted a marriage lincense yesterday in the probate court. Both are of Helena.

The board of directors for the W. W. Home wish to state that the concert of Tuesday evening was not given under their auspices.

Howard Kerns, John Leiser and Ed. Ryan, for being without any visible means of support, in other words vags, were arrested yesterday.

John A. Hay, of Judith Basin, took out his final naturalization papers yesterday before Clerk McConnell of the district court. Mr. Hay renounced allegiance to Queen Victoria.

Bach, Corey & Co. have no connection whatever with the store at Empire, they having sold out some time ago to the Empire Mercantile company which in turn sold to Wallace, Bell & Co. who are now owners.

Wilson, the man who stole Councilman Middleton's overcoat and was captured at Butte, had a hearing before Justice Fleischer yesterday and was sentenced to sixty days in jail and to pay the costs of the case.

A man went into the opera house saloon yesterday and having eaten a box of anchovies, two smoked eels, a can of caviare and a loaf of bread astonished Herman by throwing down $1 and walking out without speaking a word.

A mining deal of considerable importance, involving the Whitelatch-Union group of mines at Unionville, is pending consummation, but it will not be completed for a couple of weeks yet. The owners are numerous and scattered and the work of bringing them together is no little task.

The Derry-Raleigh debate at the Disciples church this evening will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The disputants will each make two half-hour speeches, so that the meeting will close at 9:30 o'clock. Prof. A. C. Logan, territorial superintendent of public instruction, will act as moderator in the debate.

Office of Mine Inspector.

As it seems very probable that the bill for the creation of the office of territorial mine inspector will pass, the attractiveness of the salary, $2,500 is bringing out a number of candidates for the appointment. Charles W. Hanscomb, of Butte, who did service in the late campaign, is among the west side candidates while many have sprung up in this city.

Conservative Surgery.

Should be the motto of everyone practicing this art. No part of the human body should be removed as long as there is any possibility of it being made useful, no matter how badly it is mutilated.

Otto Alger, aged 35, a Swede, had an injury of left eye, twelve years ago, which resulted in inflammation and adhesion of the iris to the capsule of the lense, which produced almost constant pain and loss of vision in the injured eye, and by sympathy the other eye was becoming affected and the vision gradually failing. He was advised to have the eye removed as the only remedy, but by the advice of Dr. Parsons, who performed a very delicate and intricate surgical operation upon his eye, the inflammation and pain has been cured and the vision rapidly improving in both eyes.

RAILROADS AT BUTTE.

What the Northern Pacific Proposes Doing for the Great Mining Camp.

There seems to be considerable stir in Butte over the action of the Northern Pacific in entering into condemnation proceedings against the property owners of certain lands which the company desires for depot grounds and machine shops. This action was taken to more easily facilitate matters. The company is willing to pay any reasonable price for the land needed and as many of the titles to ground are in dispute this method of procedure was the best to undertake under the circumstances. The Northern Pacific has no desire to bulldoze anybody. It seems that certain property owned by the Montana Central is also included in the line over which the Northern Pacific desires to pass. Three thousand feet of this is wanted, and the Montana Central representative at Butte has been served with a summons similar to those served on the other property owners. In this connection Agent Dawson said to a Miner reporter yesterday that he did not think the court would condemn for the use of one road what the other had bought and intended to put to legitimate uses as soon as spring opens. "Just as soon as the frost is out of the ground," said Mr. Dawson, "we will have men and teams at work fixing the ground for extending our yard room, and the Northern Pacific will have to come into Butte some other way, for they won't think of crossing the Montana Central yards."

The Northerd Pacific intends to spend considerable money on its terminal facilities at Butte for roundhouses, machine shops, depots and so forth and cannot afford to take any chances about who owns the land now.

Thus it will be seen that to make sure of the titles to the ground, resorting to the courts will be the only sure way of lifting any doubt.

THEATRICAL LICENSES.

John Maguire Says They Are Higher in Helena Than Any Other Place on the Globe.

Mahager John Maguire mentioned to an INDEPENDENT reporter last night that Helena is the poorest show town on his circuit from a financial standpoint. While the patronage is fair he says the licenses are so high that he seldom plays a troupe here without losing money. The county license, which is $1,200 a year, he says, is the largest license imposed in any town in the United States or even in the world. And then to increase the burden he is compelled to pay a city license of $5 every time a performance is given. "It is a great injustice," he continued, "and many times I have had a notion to drop Helena from the circuit on this account. But the theatergoing people of this place have always treated me kindly and I shall continue to play all my attractions here."

Manager Maguire proposes to address both houses of the legislature on this high license matter, and also the city council, to see if the rates cannot be put at a reason-figure. He says that in New York city, where the receipts in each house run into the thousands nightly the license is only $50 a month and then half of this is given back to the actors' fund, and he remarked that only a few days ago the city of New York gave $10,000 to this fund. This is done because the city is never put to the expense of caring for any sick or indigent actors. In Butte the license is only $20 a month.

Relative to the Butte opera house Manager Maguire says that there will be no further delays and the house will open on the fixed date, the 25th inst, by Butte amateurs in the play of "Caste."

PERSONAL.

Maj. Geo. O. Eaton is in the city.

A. O. Rose, of Dillon, is in the city.

P. E. Fitzgerald, of Boulder, is in town.

H. H. Barnes, of Castle, is a new arrival.

G. W. Smith, of Red Lodge, is in the capital.

Andrew Whiteside came in from Beermouth yesterday.

Manager John Maguire came over from Butte last night.

Major Martin Maginnis returned from the east last night.

S. F. Ralston, Jr., and Miss Ralston are visiting from Marysville.

Sheriff John E. Lloyd came over from Butte yesterday morning.

B. F. Sanborn is in from Moreland, and reports everything quiet.

Dr. G. M. Grant is visiting in the city. He hails from Livingston.

James M. Robertson, of Bozeman, is registered at the Grand Central.

Misses Olive and Annie Keeler left yesterday morning for Alhambra Springs.

Wm. Floyd is in from Granite and reports there is considerable pneumonia out there.

E. B. Dana, New York, and W. L. Davies, Detroit, are among yesterday's new arrivals.

Ben Kress, J. W. O'Brien and A. Anderson, all of Boulder, had supper at the Grand Central yesterday.

J. H. Tickner leaves this morning to take charge of the McDermott hotel in Butte, which opens Feb. 10.

B. S. Scott, a prominent citizen of Billings, is spending a few days in Helena. He is enjoying a well earned holiday, and will shortly leave for the east via the Montana Central.

Mrs. C. D. Joslyn, wife of the member of the house of from Deer Lodge county, is stopping at the Merchants. She will remain in Helena during the remainder of the session of the legislature.

Charles L. Bert, business manager of Atkinson's "Peck's Bad Boy company," is in the city making arrangements for his troupe, which will appear at the opera house Friday and Saturday nights.

Dr. C. F. Mussigbrod is in the city. The doctor is just in from his Forest Rose mine in the Dunkelberg district. The mine is down 325 feet but the men have been idle the past six weeks awaiting the arrival of new hoisting machinery. The machinery was ordered through a Helena firm, and the doctor's visit to the capital is to hasten its delivery. When the new hoist is placed in position sinking will begin. Dr. Mussigbrod reports but little snow in the Dunkelberg district.

A Suit for Damages.

Suit was begun in the district court yesterday by Charles Glitschka against Katherine L. Mings, executrix of the estate of John Ming, deceased, to recover $1,500 damages. The complaint alleges that on May 29, 1884, Theo. Shenkenberg bought a piece of land from John Ming between Euclid avenue and Clairmont street, paying for the same $2,694. Afterwards a resurvey of the plat of ground in which were Shenkenberg's lots, was made and he was damaged to the amount claimed. Just where Mr. Glitschka appears is not stated, but it is probable that the land passed into his possession from Shenkenberg.

Congregational Social.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church will give a social this evening at the residence of Miss Carrie Lehman, corner of Park avenue and Clark street. The programme for the evening will consist of:

Piano duet—Miss Carrie Lehman, Miss Edith Lehman.
Recitation—Miss Kitty Fuller.
Vocal solo—Mr. H. E. Jackson.
Reading—Miss Bohn.
Piano solo—Mrs. F. D. Kelsey.
An enjoyable time is anticipated.

Woodard's Combination Sale.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 6.—Bell Boy has arrived from California, sound and well. He is to be sold here the week after next along with 800 others in Woodward's combination sale.

A PROCLAMATION.

Austria's Emperor Expresses His Thanks for His People's Sympathy in His Trouble.

VIENNA, Feb. 6.—Emperor Francis Joseph, in an autograph letter to Premier Nontaaf, orders publicity given to the following proclamation; "To my people: Overwhelmed with deep grief, I humbly bow my head before the inscrutable decree of divine providence, appealing with my people to the Almighty to give me strength so that I may not falter in the conscientious performance of my duties as a ruler, but may keep my eyes in that course of steadfast adherence which assures for the commonwealth the blessings of peace. It has been a consolation to me during these days of bitter woe to know that I was upheld by the heartfelt sympathy of my people, of which I have received from all sides the most touching tokens." The proclamation further expresses the heartfelt thanks of the emperor and empress and their sorely stricken daughter-in-law for the sympathy accorded them, and concludes by asking God's help in the future and the co-operation of his Austrian subjects with their ruler to secure the welfare of their fatherland.

Negroes Who Will Hang.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 6.—A Times-Democrat special from Summit, Miss., says: Mrs. Sallie Gordon and her 14 year old daughter were outraged by three negroes yesterday. The community is wild with excitement. One negroe has been caught and was immediately dispatched. The others are at large, but every effort is being made to catch them.

The most remarkable cure of scrofula on record have been accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Try it. Sold by all druggists.

HELENA IN BRIEF.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer.

Dinner from 12 to 5 at the Bon Ton.

James W. Barker, merchant tailor, No. 15 North Main street.

The Helena Turnverein masquerade ball on the 18th inst. at the Helena Armory hall will be one of the events of the season. Everyone should go.

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.

Born.

SPRATT—Born to the wife of T. H. Spratt, in Helena, Feb 6, a girl.

GARSON—In Helena, Feb 6, to the wife of N. Garson, a son.

The Big Lottery

AT HELENA, M. T.

A FORTUNE

—FOR—

ONE TO FIVE DOLLARS.

$60,000 for $1, $300,000 for $5

A Grand Prize Distribution Embracing Nearly a Third of a Million of Dollars in Value to Take Place at Ming's Opera House at Helena, March 30th, 1889.

A $300,000 Hotel FOR FIVE DOLLARS.

And one hundred and fifty-three other prizes in cash to be awarded to ticket holders at a grand drawing to be held at Ming's Opera House, Helena, Montana, by the Montana Investment Company, under the immediate supervision of the Hon. T. H. Kleinschmidt, ex-Mayor of Helena and assistant cashier First National Bank; Hon. W. R. Kenyon, ex-mayor of Butte; Hon J. M. Clement, Probate Judge of Lewis and Clarke county, Montana, and Hon. A. A. Ames, Mayor of Minneapolis, Minn.

List of Prizes.

One Grand Prize consisting of the well-known Aborn House, a magnificent brick hotel 132½ feet square, covering a quarter-block, with all modern improvements, and situated in Des Moines, Iowa, the great railroad center and capital of the State, with a population of from 50,000 to 60,000, valued at.....$300,000

1 cash prize of	$5,000 is	.....	5,000
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1 " " "	500 is	.....	500
50 " " "	100 is	.....	5,000
100 " " "	10 is	.....	1,000

154 prizes drawing.....$312,500

Secure tickets for the Grand Drawing Saturday, March 30, 1889.

62,500 Tickets at $5 Each, $312,500.

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The Plan of Drawing.

The numbers corresponding with those on the tickets, printed on separate cards, will be placed in one wheel. The 154 prizes similarly printed on separate cards will be placed in another wheel. The wheels will be revolved and the tickets thoroughly mixed, and a number will then be drawn from the wheel of numbers by a child completely blindfolded, and at the same time a prize will be drawn from the other wheel by another child completely blindfolded. The numbers and prizes drawn will be exhibited to the audience and registered by the committee, the prize being placed against the number drawn. This operation will be repeated until all the prizes are drawn out.

The Drawing Assured.

The grand drawing of the Montana Investment Company for the Aborn House at Des Moines, and 153 cash prizes ranging from $5,000 to $10, will take publicly at Helena, M. T., on Saturday, March 30, 1889.

The deed in escrow.—Remember that the deed to the capital prize, the Aborn House, is now in escrow at the First National bank, Helena, M. T., ready to be turned over to the holder of the winning ticket.

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PRICE OF TICKETS:

Single Whole Tickets.....$5 00

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Book of 10 Whole Tickets..... 40 00
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A person can order as many FIFTH TICKETS as desired, ALL OF DIFFERENT NUMBERS.

For further information and tickets address or apply to

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Grand Central Hotel Block, Helena, M. T.

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