

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION

Work That Has Been Accomplished in Montana During the Present Year.

Groundwork Laid for a Big Railroad Boom Next Year.

Activity Around Spokane Falls—The Outlook for Missoula's New Roads Very Encouraging.

Railroad statistics show that construction is most active in the new states of Montana and Washington.

Table with 2 columns: Montana—No. of Miles, and various railroad projects.

There are several projects for Montana, one of which will probably reach success, for lines to run from some point on the Union Pacific north through Central Wyoming to some point on the Northern Pacific near Billings, Montana.

Most of the work in Montana is being carried on by the Northern Pacific. The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba company, their only important competitor in this state, is not doing much in the way of extensions at present.

A long and important line which is under consideration for next season's work is to extend from Billings northwest to Fort Benton, and thence to the mines and rail way of the Northwestern Coal & Navigation company at Lethbridge, Alberta.

According to a map printed in the Engineering and Railway News of November 30, the greatest activity of the present year seems to be centered around Spokane, although Missoula will be a strong competitor for these honors early next year.

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A PUGILIST'S COMPLAINT.

He Charges an Officer With Unprovoked Assault.

Wm. Sears, a pugilist and plasterer, swore out a complaint in Judge Woodman's court yesterday for the arrest of Officer Quentin, on the charge of unprovoked assault. Some three weeks ago the officer arrested Sears for being drunk and disorderly. Sears made a pitiful plea to Judge Sanders, saying he had a family to support and would behave better in the future.

The compassionate judge discharged him, and from that time Sears has been threatening to lick the lid' officer, and Wednesday night while drinking, openly announced his intention to several persons. He dogged the officer for over two hours that night, and in several ways, by using foul language and branding against Quentin, tried to aggravate him into a dispute. He followed the officer down Main street, up Edwards, along Park avenue and on the Main street again, and when in front of the Granite block Sears took hold of him by the arm in a threatening manner. The officer pushed Sears away and the latter fell in the gutter, being under the influence of liquor. The officer continued his beat, and when the sergeant heard of the affair reprimanded Quentin for not arresting Sears. Quentin said he did not care to arrest him then, for the reason that he knew Sears would fight and he stood no show with a pugilist; also that if he used his club it would only get in the newspapers again and in the wrong light.

Seal Cloaks, Jackets and Caps at Babcock's.

Buy your Christmas presents at The Bee Hive. They can suit the young and old.

Furs, Furs, Furs, Furs, at Babcock's.

Hon. Granville Stuart, of Fort Maginnis, is in the city.

Guy X. Piatt and wife, were over from Butte yesterday.

John G. Morse, of Anaconda, is registered at the Grand Central.

A. B. Atwater, a Marysville merchant, is in town on business.

M. Middleton and wife, of Great Falls, are at the Merchants.

Hon. C. R. Middleton left for Bozeman yesterday to attend court.

G. W. Morse, an old time resident of New Chicago, is at the Grand Central.

Alfred Meyers, H. C. Lovell and Mrs. John L. Willard, of Billings, are guests of the Cosmopolitan.

Will Sutherland, of the White Sulphur Springs Rocky Mountain Husbandman, is at the Cosmopolitan.

George Stewart, the genial ticket agent of the Northern Pacific at the depot, has returned from a visit to St. Paul.

George Lovell, representing the Chicago & Rock Island and Albert Lea routes, is in the city in the interest of his roads.

Wint Raymond, the well known breeder and stock raiser, of Madison county, is in the city accompanied by Mrs. Raymond.

Judge Wm. Guidis, wife and two children, came in from Fort Logan yesterday. The judge and his family will start to-day for Washington, D. C., to spend the winter.

George M. Osgood, jr., New York; W. C. Sampson, Homestead; tunnel; J. J. Buck, Hastings, Neb.; and J. R. Whitmore, of Blossburg, are among yesterday's arrivals at the Merchants.

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If you want to skate go to The Bee Hive and buy a pair of skates.

Select your Xmas goods at Babcock's.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

New furniture for the Merchants' National bank in the Hershfield-Toole building was being moved in yesterday.

Messrs. Holzberg & Rehnitz yesterday purchased the stock of boots and shoes of the Albertson estate at 50 cents on the dollar.

Chas. Minding, son-in-law of Justice Fleischer, died in this city yesterday of pneumonia. He leaves a wife and five children.

L. A. Walker and Dr. C. K. Cole have returned from the east, where they purchased complete equipment for the new Hotel Helena on Grand street.

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At the annual election of officers of Excelsior lodge No. 5, I. O. O. F., held Wednesday evening, the following were elected: N. G. D. J. Wait; O. J. John R. Biles; secretary, Denver Dayton; treasurer, E. M. Gould.

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AMUSEMENTS.

A Fine Performance at Ming's Opera House Last Evening—McKee Rankin.

The most delightful dramatic entertainment of the season was given at Ming's opera house last evening by the Grismer-Davies company. The play, The Burglar, is a finely constructed dramatization of a charming story. Every part of it catches sympathy from the beginning, for it appeals to all sides of nature. It was rendered last evening in an almost faultless manner.

The scenes of touching pathos and the delicate and pleasing thread of humor that runs through the play were brought out in a thoroughly artistic way. The development of the simple story of a woman's love for her erring husband and the man's love for his child was carried on so well that the interest of the audience was held without any apparent artificial effort.

The play of honors was naturally awarded to the little girl who played the part of Edith. Miss Laura Crews showed talent that might well be studied by older actors if they aspire to bring nature and art together. It would be difficult to imagine a more novel yet amusing and pathetic scene than the interview of Edith with the burglar. Miss Phoebe Davis as the child's mother, gave a thoroughly conscientious and satisfactory interpretation of the character. Mr. Grismer, as Bill the Burglar, brought himself into sympathy with the audience. His emotional parts were made very impressive by being kept within proper bounds. Edith's Burglar will be repeated at a Saturday matinee. Every mother should attend with her children. This evening Bartley Campbell's comedy, Fairfax, will be presented.

McKee Rankin has been a popular favorite so long that no words of praise are needed to add to his reputation. That he will appear at Ming's opera house on Monday and Tuesday evenings is a matter of congratulation for the theater-goers of this city. He will be accompanied by a beautiful and charming leading lady, Miss Mabel Bert and a competent company. The play of "The Runaway Wife" is a remarkably successful drama, and will surely please the audience.

The High School Entertainment. The entertainment given under the auspices of the high school in St. Paul's M. E. church last night was a pleasing success. Mrs. Cummins is to be congratulated on having introduced Miss Couthou into this city. She is undoubtedly one of the finest elocutionists in the country, and she certainly sustained her well-earned reputation last evening. That the audience was simply charmed was evidenced by the repeated encores.

The music, which was excellent, was rendered entirely of home talent. Mrs. Lathrop's vocal solos were warmly encored. The entertainment will be repeated again this evening, with an entire change of programme.

Herbert Nicholson & Co. are now prepared to deliver fine dry wood in any quantity. Telephone 24. Office opposite N. E. freight depot.

Immense line of dolls, consisting of bisque, wax kid body, washable, rag, rubber, etc., just received at The Bee Hive.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer. Dinner from 12 to 5 at the Bon Ton. James W. Barker, merchant tailor, Main street, opposite First National bank.

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MINES AND MINING.

The St. Louis Market Dull—Alice Dividend—Activity in Copper.

Dr. C. F. Musshoff reports that the stock exchange in St. Louis is literally dead. There does not seem to be any life and buyers are very scarce, the result being that Montana stocks are depreciating in value, and no good reason is advanced for this decline. When Mountain Lion took such a big tumble last week the doctor was on the market at 12 cents if he could find sellers. He knew that at his home in Deer Lodge the stock was worth 30 cents, with few sellers, and when the stock reaches that figure in St. Louis he has instructed his broker to sell. Dr. Musshoff is among the lucky and successful mining operators of Montana, and his judgment has been such that he is well supplied with this world's goods in his old age. He is not afraid to risk his money in legitimate enterprises and never fails to respond when asked to help. He is a large owner of Poor-man stock and is the possessor of the Dan-kingberg mine, near Gold creek, which is said to be one of the richest in Montana for the work accomplished. Yesterday the doctor let a contract for shipping 4,000 tons of this to the Green Gap smelter. From the mine to a spur three miles below Gold creek it will be hauled by wagon at a cost of \$3 per ton. This ore averages in value from fifty to sixty ounces silver. Besides the Dan-kingberg mine, near Gold creek, which is a dozen claims in the same district, which he regards fully as rich, but upon which very little work has been executed.

An Alice Dividend. An event of considerable importance in mining circles is the declaration of a dividend by the Alice company, of Butte. It is just one year ago that this company declared its last dividend. The next dividend of 64 cents per share, aggregating \$25,000, will be paid December 12. Up to date the Alice has paid \$200,000 in dividends. Alice stock in New York is firm at \$1.15 bid. Quite heavy transfers have been made in this stock lately, and it is reported that most of the purchases have been for the account of Walker Bros., of Salt Lake city, together with friends. The Alice was recently examined by Prof. W. P. Blake, of New Haven, Conn. In New York there is reported to be considerable inquiry for Montana shares in silver mines. Moulton is one more on the list of active stocks in the New York market.

The Copper Market. Engineering and Mining Journal Nov. 30: The movement toward higher values has not only continued, but has gathered new force during the week just past, and the tone of the whole copper market is decidedly strong. It may be that the amount of business transacted for a few days past has been less than previously, but this has been caused by the reluctance of sellers to offer rather than from any scarcity of buyers, and the prices of all descriptions are higher again. In Lake copper there is hardly anything obtainable for immediate delivery, and for December and January delivery the quotation is near 14c per pound. The quotations for existing contracts are higher, and more irregular, as was to be expected, and some of the inferior brands may still possibly be obtainable at 12c, but all the best brands are now held for 12 1/2c.

The London market has also become much stronger, and a marked improvement in values has again to be reported. For Chili bars and G. M. B. the comparatively high point of £90 was touched during the early part of the week, and that figure was not quite maintained all the time. The latest cable quotations to hand to-day are again up. We quote £90/£90 1/2 spot and three months.

Our advice is to the effect that the legitimate consumptive demand from all sides continues very good, and speculation is also exceedingly active.

The Poorman. Mr. B. C. Kingsbury, who is one of the heaviest shareholders of Poorman stock, and who is just home from St. Louis, says that he recently made a contract with an Omaha smelting company for shipping concentrates, whereby the Poorman company will realize \$45 per day more profit than has been making, and within two weeks they will even do better than this. At that time the Washington & Idaho railroad will be completed to Wallace, thereby affording an outlet to western markets via the Oregon Short Line. At present Poorman concentrates are being shipped via the Union Pacific to St. Paul. For a haul of 30 miles it costs \$5 per ton, while for 2,500 miles only \$15 is charged.

Asked how it was that the Omaha smelters could successfully compete with Montana smelters, Mr. Kingsbury said they do not have to pay so much for coke and other fuel, their labor is cheaper and the haul to the seaboard is much shorter and consequently a large saving is made in the freight charges on bullion. The new outlet to the east from the Coeur d'Alene is believed to have a good effect with the Northern Pacific, as that road will soon find a worthy competitor in the fight for business.

Bronzes, statuettes, plaques, clocks, fancy lamps, pictures, artificial flowers, vases, busts, etc., etc., at The Bee Hive.

Fur lined and All Fur Overcoats at Babcock's.

For bargains in crockery, glassware and lamps go to The Bee Hive.

Bull's Broadway Photo Gallery. Shadow and scroll cabinets. Babies and children a specialty. Bull's gallery, Broadway, opposite Merchants hotel.

Jap Handkerchiefs, direct importation, for holidays, at Babcock's.

Try It. Try our best patent flour, the best in the market, and Whittaker Star hams, at JOHN T. MURPHY & Co.'s.

Dr. Degez. Diseases of women a specialty. Sixth avenue and Main street.

Men's Fur Coats in great variety at Babcock's.

Holiday Excursion Rates on the Montana Central Railway.

The Montana Central will sell excursion tickets between all points on their line at one and one-fifth fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 21, 25 and 31, also Jan. 1, good to return until Jan. 5.

R. H. LABOLEY, Gen. Ticket Agt.

Twenty Mink Overcoats at Babcock's.

Twenty-five pair best mink on all sizes and trimmings for thirty days only at John R. Johnson's.

Just arrived at the Louvre imported Federweiser.

Try a glass of Federweiser at the Louvre.

WHOLESALE PRICES

FOR THE BALANCE OF OUR STOCK!

WE ARE CLOSING OUT OUR BUSINESS AND HAVE SOME GREAT BARGAINS.

W. H. BAKER & CO., "THE FAIR."

THE GREAT Bankrupt Sale of WATCHES, Jewelry and Diamonds

Commenced Monday, December 30, at Pope & O'Connell's (Old Stand), No. 23 North Main street, and sale will last until stock is closed out. Give us a call and secure the Big Bargains.

SALE EVERY DAY AT 2 TO 7 P. M.

GRAND OPENING!

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COOPER'S, 111 N. Main Street, Helena.

The Finest Display of DIAMONDS, Watches and Jewelry IN MONTANA.

SEE OUR \$2,000 DIAMOND NECKLACE

Our Assortment of Holiday Goods is now Complete and Consists of the Most Unique Designs, Carefully Selected as to Quality and Workmanship, which is the VERY BEST.

C. A. COOPER, - Pittsburg Block. (FORMERLY 5 UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK.)

MISSOULA Real Estate!

The Most Desirable Property in this Growing City is now Offered to those Desiring Quick Returns on Money Invested.

Lots can now be purchased that will yield Investors 100 PER CENT within Ninety Days.

JNO. S. M. NEILL, ROOMS 6 AND 7, ASHBY BLOCK, HELENA, MONT.

POPE & O'CONNOR, Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Have Removed to the BAILEY BLOCK!

ATTENTION! EVERYBODY! Now is the Time for Great Bargains!

I am Closing out the stock of the I. X. L. BAZAR at figures much BELOW COST.

A Rare Opportunity is Now Offered to purchase Dry Goods, Rubber Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods; Boots, Shoes, etc., at figures never before offered in Helena. Improve this Golden Opportunity. Don't forget the old stand on

H. BARNETT, MAIN STREET.

OVERCOATS! OVERCOATS

This being the season when OVERCOATS are in demand We would call Your Attention to the fact that the

PLYMOUTH CLOTHING HOUSE is throwing out Greater Inducements than any other house in the city; not only in Overcoats, but also in Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods. Space does not permit our mentioning all our Bargains. Call and see us.

LEVY & ELIAS, MAIN STREET.

OUR CHRISTMAS STOCK IS NOW COMPLETE

Call Before the Assortment is Broken.

FOWLES' CASH STORE! The Leading Millinery and Fancy Goods House in Montana.

THE LEADING SHOE HOUSE

of the City is Located next door to the First National Bank.

J. P. WOOLMAN & CO.,

Who handle all the Latest Novelties in FASHIONABLE FINE FOOTWEAR, the Finest assortment of Slippers and Ties ever shown in the west, are also agents for JOHNSTON & MURPHY'S FINE FOOTWEAR.

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