WHO STOLE THAT COAL?

Many Merchants and Employes Arrested and to be Arraigned in Court To-day.

Charged With Defrauding the Northern Pacific by Grand Larceny and Conspiracy.

The Men Arrested Out on Bail--A Sensation Created About Town by the Indictments.

At half past four o'clock on Saturday afternoon a closed carriage was driven in front of the Ewing street entrance to the court house. In a few minutes the occupants were in the sheriff's office arranging a few business details, after which two of them were again on the street. The legal preliminaries in the coal stealing conspiracy, as it is called, had begun. The first arrests were made and two of the indicted men, Frank Scanlon and George Hall were out on bail. The grand jury which had finished its duties on the previous day returned indictments against nine men for participation in different ways in the big conspiracy to defraud the Northern Pacific Railroad company. W. B. Scanlon, William Murphy, Ben Halford Edward Fennell, Charles H. Manker, Patrick J. Tuohy, Frank Scanlon, John Brady, George Hall and Charles Woodman are the indicted men. All were arrested yesterday and gave bail except Fennell, Manker and Brady, who are out of town. Deputy Sheriff Parker found his men without difficulty and by 9 o'clock Saturday evening his work was completed as far as possible. Bail was secured without difficulty by the men who will be arraigned before Judge Hunt at 10 o'clock this morning. Halford was found at the theatre with Colonel Sullivan who went on his bond. There are thirteen indictments in all. William B. Scanlon is charged with having assisted in stealing two carloads of coal one of which was disposed of nearly a year ago. There are also similar charges against Halford and Murphy. Frank Scanlon, who was formerly a car checker in the employ of Northern Pacific company, will have to answer to several charges. It is claimed that he is not only guilty of embezzlement, but he is also charged with effacing the book containing the weights of cars and also of conspiracy to alter and change the weights. Patrick J. Tuohy is charged with having received property stolen by other men and also of grand larceny. George Hall is charged with grand larceny. There is one indictment against Woodman for conspiracy to alter the weights of cars. Fenvell, Manker and Brady are each charged with grand larceny, and the latter is also indicted for receiving stolen goods. There is another similar charge against Halford. Several names are on some of the indictments, while the others are made out singly.

The news of the arrests created a sensation in town because of the prominence of some of the parties. Halford and Tuohy are well known coal dealers in this city. The other parties are not so well known in business circles, though they have large circles of acquaintances. It has been known for some time that the Northern Pacific company was making a thorough investigation of the alleged conspiracy. Detectives from different towns have been anxiously at work in this city and along the road. The succeeded in securing important witnesses, who testified before the grand jury at the late sitting. Frank Dixon was before the jury, but was discharged. It is reported that he was very useful in bringing about the present indictments. The coal conspiracy began about a year ago and it is said that since that time 210 cars of coal have been stolen and disposed of. The coal was brought to town, unloaded in open day and carried away in wagons as though the transaction was a legitimate affair. The detectives have found it difficult to locate the parties but for several days it has been rumored around town that several well known business men would be asked to explain suspicious circumstances. The bail in the different indictments was fixed in sums from $250 to $1,000 each.

George Hall and P. J. Tuohy, two of the men indicted, were seen at the depot last evening. They had been released on bail and did not seem to be in the least disturbed at the situation. On being asked if they had any statement to make in regard to the grand jury indictments, they replied in the negative, except that they would be able to prove their innocence when the time comes, and that the evidence by which the indictments were returned was manufactured and false and was a piece of spite work.

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FROM MAJOR E. G. BROOKE.

A Remarkable Accident and a Race Against Time.

Major E. G. Brooke, of White Hall, sends THE INDEPENDENT a copy of the New Dominion, a newspaper published at Morganstown, West Virginia. It contains an interesting letter from Major Brooke, desdribing a remarkable runaway, in which he was badly hurt, and his daughter and her children barely escaped death in the Jefferson river. Major Brooke was thrown violently to the ground and was run over by the vehicle and the two eldest children were also thrown out, but the lady had the presence of mind and courage to lay her baby down in the bottom of the carriage and climb over the front seat, reach out over the dash board and recover the lines while the horses were running at full speed. She reined them around on the prairie just in time to escape going over a twenty foot bank into the Jefferson river.

The same paper also contains an article from the St. Joseph (Mo.) News of April, 1860, contributed by Major Brooke. A powerful Wall street lobby were endeavoring to secure a contract for carrying the mails overland from New York to San Francisco, for which service they asked the modest sum of $5,000,000. Wm. H. Russell, backed by Secretary of War Floyd, resolved to give the lobby a cold shower bath. He therefore offered to bet $200,000 that he could put on a mail line from Sacramento to St. Joseph that should make the distance—1,950 miles—in ten days. The bet was taken, and the 18th of April, 1860, fixed upon as the day for starting. To accomplish this feat he purchased 300 of the fleetest horses to be found in the west and employed 125 men. Eighty of these men were post-riders. Each rider was required to ride sixty miles. For change of animals and shifting of mails two minutes were allowed. The race was won, with five minutes and a fraction to spare. All the riders who rode in this long race against time received splendid presents from Russell and a number of them are said to be in Montana to-day.

Dr. C. L. Bishop has formed a partnership with Dr. Essig, of the late firm of Essig & Green, and they will continue the dental business at rooms 29 and 30, Bailey building.

DELAYED TRAINS.

The Northern Pacific and Montana Central Behind Time.

The Northern Pacific passenger train No. 2, due at Helena Saturday evening, had not arrived as 4 o'clock this morning and it is not known when it will get in. A big snow slide on the Cascade division is reported as the cause of the delay. Another No. 2 was made up at the Helena depot yesterday and started on its way east.

An accident happened to the Montana Central passenger train from Butte last evening, near Wickes, resulting in a delay of about six hours. The breaking of an axle on the engine was the cause. No one was hurt and no cars were derailed.

THE CAPSTONE OF INFAMY.

What Governor Toole Thinks of Reed's Outrageous Rulings.

The New York World of yesterday printed the following from Governor Toole in response to a telegram asking his opinion of the revolutionary action of Reed in Washington:

HELENA, MONTANA, Feb. 1, 1890.—Editor N. Y. World: I regard Reed's ruling as the capstone of political infamy. With the audacity of a desperado he publicly defies long established precedents and, yielding submissively to the demands of a debauched and degenerate party that never fails to stab the constitution when it stands in the way of an unholy purpose, he brushes aside that instrument with a dexterity and determination which, if persisted in, must surely lead to the speedy dissolution and righteous destruction of the republican party or the rapid ruin of a boasted republic.

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PERSONAL.

A. C. Johnson, of Benton, is in the city.

W. A. Huftz and wife, of Avon, are at the Grand Central.

E. W. Green, Washington, D. C., is registered at the Cosmopolitan.

M. B. Wood, of Jamestown, Dakota, is at the Cosmopolitan.

J. L. La Driere, architect, and A. McCarter, contractor, went to Great Falls yesterday.

E. D. Haskins, A. F. Schneider, Wm. H. Symington, of St. Louis, Mo., are at the Grand Central.

R. L. McCallahan and son, of Ft. Assiniboine, arrived in the city yesterday and are stopping at the Grand Central.

D. Goldberg, W. J. Penrose, Nathan Dreyfers and Julius Jacobs, came over from Butte on the delayed train last night.

New Store.

The undersigned takes this method of notifying the public that he has opened a full line of gents furnishing goods in the store formerly occupied by Pope & O'Connor on south Main street. Would be pleased to have my friends call and inspect stock, also all those in need of anything in my line, as I am satisfied I can do as well by you as any one else. S. MAYER.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Reports from Deer Lodge are to the effect that a great snow storm prevailed there Saturday.

C. W. Pringle, representing Richards & Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels, is in town. The company will appear at Ming's on Feb. 13, 14 and 15.

The office of the motor company has been fixed up in fine style. One side of the room is now enclosed and partitioned off for convenience and comfort.

A fight occurred at the Exchange saloon about 3 o'clock this morning in which Sewell W. Ellison and the Kansas City Kid were the principles. They were arrested and bailed.

The first contract for 1890 was awarded by J. L. LaDriere, architect, to A. Holtz and P. A. Ginchereau for the construction of a two-story brick building opposite the Northern Pacific railroad depot, for Mr. O. B. Lenoir at a cost of $3,700.

Attempted Assassination.

On Sunday evening the town of Champion was thrown into a state of excitement by a loud explosion, says the Silver State, and upon investigation it was found that the stove in the house kept by a woman known as Nettie, had been blown almost through the sides of the house. It seems that the powder had been put in a stick of wood and had been burning for some time and while she was in the kitchen the explosion occurred, she thereby escaping an injury. The guilty party is thought to be known, and when proof sufficient can be procured the citizens of that place will do the honors. This kind of work is being practised too frequently and a violent stop is going to be put to it. The house is owned by McMahan Bros. and the loss is confined to the interior.

SOLD OUT TO SILCOTT.

Montreal Police Accused of Blackmailing Him After He Had Been Located.

Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom has become satisfied that certain influential men in this city do not want the defaulter Silcott captured, and that they have thwarted all his efforts to this end, says a Washington dispatch. He returned from Ohio to-day and tells an interesting story of his search for the absconder. Without consulting Leedom the United States secret service department learned from correspondents at Montreal that Silcott arrived there on Dec. 8 with the Barrett woman and a woman well known to congressional lotharios and loblyists about Washington. The party of three went to the house of the Barrett woman's sister and remained there until Dec. 22. On the night of arrival all three indulged in a general debauch. On Dec. 21, acting under telegraphic instruction from secret service men, the Montreal detectives swore out warrants for the arrest of Silcott and his two female friends. There was no doubt as to the identity of Silcott, and the Montreal police sent back word that the entire party would be arrested promptly next day. The same night Silcott and the women disappeared and the Montreal police telegraphed that they could find no trace of the fugitives. Speaking of this to-day, Mr. Leedom said:

"Since Silcott skipped I have no faith in humanity, and I believe the Montreal police played the shake-down game on Silcott. Knowing that he had plenty of money it was easy for them to demand twice the reward and let him escape."

Since that time Mr. Leedom has heard nothing from Montreal. He has, however, had 200 letters from all parts of the country and Canada from alleged detectives, who all say that they know just where Silcott is, but must have $100 for expenses at the start, and that they will pay it out of the $5,000 reward when they deliver their man. Mr. Leedom says he expects letters like these, but he does not like the conduct of many professed friends in Washington, who come to him and demand money, saying that they will use it to find the defaulter. If refused they tell Leedom that he does not want to capture his man and that he dare not.

"I don't say that this is blackmail," said Leedom, "but it is much the same. These men know no more about Silcott than a child, and they are only stretching their pockets wide open to receive my money."

The joke of Leedom's search occurred three weeks ago, when a letter written in German came from Rochester, asking if Silcott was away from here Nov. 18. The letter was signed "Mary Stotts." As Silcott was away that day Leedom and his German cashier, Jacob D. Selzer, of Cleveland, took the first train for Rochester. They learned that Mary Stotts lived six miles in the country, and they got an idea that Silcott must be there in hiding. So sure was Selzer that he bought a stout rope at a hardware store with which to bind Silcott when caught, and insisted that the liveryman should send along a good, stout driver. On arrival Leedom and Selzer were made unhappy by the information that a man answering Silcott's description had stopped at the home of Mary Stotts' sister in Rochester with a woman. So there was a hasty return trip and the sister failed to identify her mysterious lodger and companion as Silcott and Herminie.

Mrs. Silcott has returned to Ohio, and letters from there say that she is still hysterical and threatened with melancholia. She went there to thwart the designs of a scheming creditor who had sought to obtain her homestead. It is a suspicious fact that on the day of her departure from Washington she was visited by a former friend of her husband, who was also the man reported to have assisted Silcott in concealing his escape from New York. The woman who was with the party in Montreal is back in New York, and but for her relations with a very eminent man in that city she would be forced to give more definite particulars.

IN AND ABOUT MONTANA.

The Flathead Lake Region Said to Contain Forests of Pine Equal to Michigan.

Curious Result of a Bet Made on a Horse Race in Missoula County.

The Lament of Andrew Fergus--A Railroader's Loss--The Prospects of Emigrant Gulch, Etc., Etc.

The Flathead Lake Country.

At present the lumber used in this country is supplied either from the lumber industries in the eastern part of Minnesota or from those of the Rocky mountain region in Montana. The supply at present available in western Montana is limited and much of it is needed for local consumption and the future supply must be sought elsewhere.

When the Manitoba railway shall have been built from Fort Assinaboine by way of Marias pass and the Flathead valley to the coast, it will tap the immense supply in the Flathead valley and along the tributary streams. It is a curious freak of nature, which scientific men can doubtless explain, that while the eastern slope of the Rockies and for hundreds of miles east, are destitute of timber, the country west of this range is covered with dense forests of pine, cedar, fir and spruce. This timber is not needed farther west, says the Inter-Lake, as there is enough for local use in that direction already. What more natural than that this almost unlimited supply of timber should be used to supply the needs of the prairie country east of the range, as far as Minot, Dak. There is no region so advantageously situated as the Flathead country to supply the demand, which is sure to arise in the near future. Admitting these premises, and it seems they are too self-evident for any one to doubt, it naturally follows that as soon as the Manitoba reaches this country by way of Marias pass, there will arise in this valley a lumber industry hardly second to that of Michigan or Wisconsin. The timber is here, the demand for lumber is pressing just over the range east of us. All that is needed to develop this industry is a means of communication between the two places. This is certain to come in the near future. There is money and enterprise ready and waiting to build up this business, for these are never wanting when there is a genuine need to be supplied. When that time comes, a quarter section of good timber land in this valley will be a valuable piece of property, and many who avoided a claim because it had too much timber, will wonder at their short-sightedness.

Sequel to Horserace Betting.

On Wednesday J. J. Kimmerly arrested Charles Bachman, of Half Moon, on a warrant issued by Justice Duncan at the request of Ben Laforge, of the same portion of the valley. It appears according to Mr. Bachman's version of the story that some time ago at a horse race at Mr. Laforge's the latter made a bet with Bachman on the race, putting up a cow, calf and ten tons of hay, against Bachman's horse. Bachman won the bet and sold the cow and calf back to Laforge for $15 but intended to take his hay. When he was ready for the hay he went to Laforge who showed him where to get it, and when he had taken about five tons home, Laforge had him arrested for stealing the hay. The case was brought before Justice Duncan, at Ashley, on Thursday, but as he had no jurisdiction, the parties got together and came to the conclusion not to let it go before the grand jury and thus settled their dispute.—Inter-Lake.

Lament of Hon. James Fergus.

We are in receipt of a private letter from the Hon. James Fergus. The following excerpt shows his interest in public affairs and strong literary inclination: "My eyes, and, to a certain extent, my brain, have given way from overwork, so I am compelled to give up reading and writing for the present. It was hard for a reader like me, who has read on an average of three hours a day for fifty-five years, to have to sit and look at three new books and thirty other publications without daring to read them, as I had to do when my last mail came. It was like a hungry man looking at a table loaded with food and dare not touch it."—Fergus County Argus.

A Bold Thief.

He had $225 in his inside vest pocket, don't you see. He is a wiper in the Northern Pacific round house, at the Bozeman depot. On Monday morning he concluded to take a wash, and hung his coat and vest up and proceeded to the task. When he again donned his wearing apparal he found that his pockets had been rifled and his wealth stolen. The officers were soon notified, but as yet no arrests have been made, says the Courier, and no clue to the bold robber has as yet been obtained, nor is there likely to be. While we sympathize with the young man who lost his hard earnings, still one so careless is hardly deserving of sympathy.

Emigrant Gulch.

Emigrant gulch is rather quieter this winter than usual and most of the miners who for a number of years past have resided here are enjoying winter quarters in Chico, says the Livingston Enterprise, while the more transient of the population have gone to winter elsewhere. But little work is being done in the gulch at present, but the miners still hold the claims to which they have pinned their faith so long and have an abiding confidence in the ultimate prosperity of the camp. Their hopes are well founded and the coming season promises to witness a veritable boom for this camp, as the rich character of her ores are becoming known abroad and capital is beginning to be placed in the more prominent claims here by outsiders. It is confidently expected that a plant for the reduction of ore will be built at the opening of the coming season, and Emigrant promises before long to rank equal with the richest of Montana's famous mining camps.

Returned From Montana.

Insp. Macpherson and Messrs. C. Genge, E. Allen, Adams and Jerry Potts returned from Benton, Mont., on Sunday, after a very cold and rough trip both ways. It will be remembered that Mr. Allen went over to prosecute Farrell, who stole the band of horses seized by the customs department. Insp. Macpherson went over to prosecute the Indian thieves who stole horses from Canadian Indians. Farrell was acquitted. The Indians had not been sentenced when the party left Benton, but will get several years each. The prosecution in both instances was conducted by the Montana Stock association. Both police and customs departments had all their expenses paid by the association and speak in high terms of their treatment.—Ft. McLeod Gazette.

Lake Wilder Association.

At a meeting of the Lake Wilder Boating association in Butte one day last week, the following officers were selected to serve the ensuing year: John O'Rourke, president; Thomas Lavelle, vice-president: Leopold F. Schmidt, treasurer; J. J. Harrington, secretary. The club has thirty-two boats, besides a small steamer, and additional conveniences will be added to the place before the picnic season begins next summer.

Suspended Publication.

Owing to the severe and continued illness of Mr. Van H. Fisk, the editor, the publication of the Townsend Tranchant has been suspended for the present.

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