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We put on the market this morning a complete line of artists' materials at half what they cost. They must be sold:

- 12-inch Porcelain Plaques, always sold for \$1; our price, 40c.
8-inch Papier Mache Plaques, always sold for 90c; our price, 20c.
16-inch Papier Mache Plaques, always sold for \$1; our price, 50c.
20-inch Papier Mache Plaques, always sold for \$1.25; our price, 90c.
10x15 Ebony Square Plaques, always sold for \$1; our price, 25c.
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5x19 Aluminum Panels, always sold for 60c; our price, 15c.
k10 Ground Glass, Beveled Edge Panels, always sold for \$1; our price, 50c.
11x12 Ebony Panel, always sold for \$1.25; our price, 40c.
2x21 Ebony Panel, always sold for \$1.50; our price, 50c.
k18 Ebony Panel, always sold for 75c; our price, 25c.
k12 Ebony Panel, always sold for 50c; our price, 15c.
6x18 Ebony Panel, always sold for 50c; our price, 15c.
7x14 White Panel, always sold for 50c; our price, 15c.
Sketching Pads at your own price.
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6x10 Celluloid Plaques, always sold for 50c; our price, 20c.

Windsor & Newton's Water Colors. All kinds—your own price. La Croix's Paints, Brushes, Oils, Varnishes, Stamps, etc., etc. They must all go.

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STATE ENGINEERS. State Association of Civil Engineers of Montana Convene in Regular Monthly Session.

MATTERS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED. Association Proposes to Present Several Matters for the Consideration of the Legislature.

The regular monthly meeting of the Montana Society of Civil Engineers was held Dec. 8, at 7:30 p. m., at the office of Sizer & Keerl.

The minutes of the last meeting having been printed in The Independent, and a copy sent to each member, were approved without being again read.

Ballots were taken and the following named persons were declared unanimously elected as members of the society: Eugene Carroll, chief engineer and superintendent of the Butte city water works, Butte; James Henry Henley, director of the American Development and Mining company, Helena; Malcolm M. Macdonald, United States deputy mineral surveyor, Butte; Walter W. Pennington, surveyor, Butte; Robert A. McArthur, engineer of mines, Butte.

By consent of the meeting the order of proceedings was changed, and the president made an explanation of the circumstances by which, during the last two months, he has attended to the duties of secretary, Mr. Foss being absent in Arizona, and no acting secretary having been appointed.

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The Modern Mother Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

"Excursion Tickets to California." Take the short and by twenty-four hours the quickest route to California. Elegant Pullman palace and tourist sleepers. The dining car route. The Union Pacific has placed on sale daily tickets from Helena to California points, limited to sixty days going with privilege of returning any time within six months, good for stop-over, at following rates:

To San Francisco, going via Ogden and returning same route, \$75. To San Francisco, going via Ogden and returning via Portland, and vice versa, \$90. To San Francisco, going via Portland and returning same route, \$75. To Los Angeles, going via Ogden and Sacramento, and returning via San Francisco and Ogden, or vice versa, \$90. To Los Angeles, going via Ogden and San Francisco, returning via San Francisco and Ogden, \$90. To Los Angeles, going via Portland and returning via Sacramento, or vice versa, \$90.

Excursion Rates to California. The Northern Pacific railroad has placed on sale daily round trip tickets to California points, as follows: Helena to San Francisco and return, going via Spokane, Tacoma and Portland, and returning same way, \$75. To San Francisco, going via Spokane, Tacoma and Portland, and returning via Ogden and Butte, \$90. To Los Angeles, going via Spokane, Tacoma and Portland, entering San Francisco in one direction either going or returning, \$90.

Tickets are limited to sixty days for going passage, good to return at any time within final limit of six months from date of issue.

The scenery via the Northern Pacific and Mount Shasta route is unequalled. Passengers get a magnificent view of Mount Shasta from observation cars. For further information, sleeping car reservations, etc., call on or address A. D. EDGAR, General Agent, Helena, Mont.

The Bee Hive is determined to clear out their toys and holiday goods, therefore have made extremely low prices. The discomfort of dust in a railway journey makes it to be dreaded, but if you travel via the Great Northern you save this annoyance. Its roadbed is rock ballast, and it has no sand deserts along its line. It is free from dust.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Vol Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

JOINTINGS ABOUT TOWN. The officers of the board of trade for the ensuing year are to be elected this evening.

Rev. Robert Livingston, of Livingston, is a candidate for chaplain of the lower house.

Dr. A. D. Raleigh held services in the Methodist Episcopal church of Phillipsburg yesterday.

The Del Monte club will meet on next Friday evening, Dec. 14, and not on Tuesday, as was announced yesterday.

Merchants report a very good holiday trade, notwithstanding the earliness of the season. The Helena dealers have laid in a large stock of holiday goods, expecting a larger business this year than last.

W. A. Clark left Butte Saturday for his mine in Arizona, from whence he said he expects to go to San Francisco and from there to Paris, to be absent from Montana until the last of next March.

There seems to be considerable sickness in Helena, although most of it is not of a serious nature. There is something of an epidemic of bad colds, a very large number of people being afflicted with them.

The Citizens' Committee of One Hundred will meet to-night at the board of trade rooms, in the Granite block, at 7:30 o'clock. As matters of importance are to be considered, the officers hope that all members will be present.

The funeral of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Reed took place from the Reed home yesterday afternoon. The body will be placed in the receiving vault at the cemetery until a permanent resting place is made ready for it.

A farmers' institute will be held in Billings the present month, and it is expected that Prof. Emery, Foster, Traubson and Williams, of the agricultural college, will be in attendance. Papers will be read by representative farmers and dairymen.

Patrick Wimbs, the man who was stabbed in the right breast by Edward Connelly on the evening of Nov. 28, is still at St. Peter's hospital, but is out of danger and is getting along very well now. If he continues to improve he will be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

Great Northern engine No. 469, which was wrecked at the crossing of Nov. 28, is still at St. Peter's hospital, but is out of danger and is getting along very well now. If he continues to improve he will be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

The dolls to be offered for sale at the auditorium on the afternoons and evenings of the 14th and 15th, have been dressed by some of the principal ladies of Helena. The little ones who will receive these gifts from Santa Claus will find to their delight that they can dress and undress them.

The public library was crowded with people yesterday afternoon. On Sundays the library has more visitors than on any other day of the week.

Saturday evening a party of friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burkner, 56 South West street, and spent a very enjoyable evening. Cards were in order until midnight, when an elegant lunch was served, after which dancing to the music of Prof. Cole's orchestra commenced and was kept up until about three a. m.

Morning Star lodge A. F. and A. M. conferred the master Mason degree upon three candidates at Masonic hall Saturday evening. The ceremonies were conducted by the lodge at 7:30 p. m.

The ladies of the Central Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar and have a New England dinner in the church on Helena ave., Tuesday, Dec. 11. Dinner served from 5 until 10 p. m. Pumpkin and mince pies, brown bread, baked beans and all the toothsome delicacies that go to make up a New England dinner, all for 25 cents.

The usual Sunday exodus of Helena people to Lump Gulch took place yesterday. Scores of people who are eager in regular business during week days take advantage of the day of rest to visit their properties in the great new district, which to them is the promised land.

The Rocky Mountain Husbandman says that the Cumberland mine has been sold at the receiver's sale by an order of court, and the mine has become the property of J. Kennedy Todd, of New York. The Cumberland is probably the richest carbonate mine ever discovered in Montana. Its sale may mean that it is to be worked by its new owner, and in that case Castle and the Castle district will become prominent once again.

There is a movement on foot for the establishment of a bureau for homeless children of Montana. An agent of the national association gave an address upon this subject at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning. This gentleman is from North Dakota, where the bureau has performed a great work in saving destitute children. It is proposed to have the bureau cover the entire state, having its headquarters in Helena.

Skating seems to be even more popular this winter than last. The splendid weather and superb ice free from snow no doubt accounts for the popularity of this finest of winter sports. A large crowd went out to the Broadwater pond yesterday, and many visited that resort in the evening to enjoy skating by electric light.

The pond is scarcely large enough to accommodate the scores of young men and women who enjoy gliding over its smooth surface.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

G. A. R. MATTERS. Those Not Entitled to the Honor Must Not Wear the Button.

Department Commander P. R. Oldman, of Butte, recently sent out a circular to all G. A. R. posts in Montana asking them to co-operate with the department officers in preventing the unlawful wearing of the G. A. R. badge.

No one is entitled to wear the Grand Army badge or button who is not a member of the order in good standing. The Montana statutes make such offenses misdemeanors punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both.

In another and later order the department commander calls the attention of the various posts to the annual inspections. Many of the posts have had their inspections and those who have not will be required to have them by Dec. 20.

Arrivals at The Helena. Herman Rothbert, Winston; R. S. Ford, Geo. H. Hotchkiss, Great Falls; C. A. Johnson, Elkhorn; Sam Schwab, Helena; J. F. Tibbets, C. C. Gans, Minneapolis; P. V. Hurley, St. Paul; E. J. Smith, L. B. Edwards, Wm. Monroe, San Francisco; M. J. Maloney, John Lillis, St. Joseph; Chas. E. Carter, Boston;

Notice to Ore Shippers. Helena Sampling Works (Braden Bros., proprietors), pay cash and the highest market price for all classes of smelting ores.

Don't buy holiday presents until you see the new goods at the Helena Jewelry Co. Special sale of albums at the Bee Hive this week.

The Bee Hive can suit you if you want holiday presents. Go to the Bee Hive for Xmas presents.

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ARE: Fancy Dress Gingham, \$1-3c; from 12 1/2c. Fancy Elder Downs, 50c; from 85c. Fancy Silks, 27 1/2c; from 65c to \$1.25.

Black Hair Muffs at 45c. Misses' Angora Sets, \$1.25; from \$1 and \$1.50. Two Wheel Carts, only 10c.

Four Wheel Carts, made of iron, can't break them, 35c. China Dishes, per set, from 5c up. Drums, from 35c to \$1.

Sleds, from 65c to \$2. Large Tin Animals, Stoves, etc., only 15c. Hair Dogs, only 15c.

Musical Watches, 10c. Bisque Dolls, jointed and dressed, 25c. Stand Mirrors, 25c. Cannon Perfume, 15c.

OUR PREMIUM LIST: Parties holding the following tickets will please call for books: Lot 2—Series A, No. 23, Columbian Gallery.

Lot 3—Series C, No. 37, Shamsa, Series E, No. 33, Boys of the Bible, Series H, No. 78, Boys of the Bible, Series 15, No. 5, Thomson's Poema, Series L, No. 24, Wilson's Great Nations, Series N, No. 33, Glimpses of the World, Series O, No. 27, Concise Cyclopedia, Series R, No. 96, Pilgrim's Progress, Series S, No. 83, Boys of the Bible.

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No. 1, Pacific Mail, west bound, 9:25 a. m. No. 2, Atlantic Mail, east bound, 9:15 a. m. No. 3, Marysville accommodation, 9:30 a. m.

No. 4, Wicken, Boulder and Elkhorn accommodation (daily except Sundays), 6:30 p. m. No. 102, Rimini mixed, (Mondays only), 2:00 p. m.

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For information, time cards, maps and tickets call on or write A. D. EDGAR, GENERAL AGENT, HELENA, MONTANA.

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FOR SALE. 800 ACRES GOOD FARM LAND—1000 water right, 100 acres under fence, 15-acre strawberry, frame house 18x22, large log barn, one mile from east Helena, five miles from Helena.

Will sell the whole or part. For further information enquire of J. E. CLARK, East Helena.