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CAUGHT ON THE RUN ABOUT TOWN

PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND SOME OF THE THINGS THEY SAY AND DO.

The very positive remarks of the street commissioner and the chief of police which were quoted in this column yesterday morning had their effect and there was a mad scramble for snow shovels yesterday morning. All day there was snow lying from the walks almost as fast as it fell upon them, with the result that, toward night, there were evidences of efforts on the part of property owners to make paths; but unless a man shoveled continuously there was not much use trying to keep clear of the snow, for it fell so fast that any intermittent effort was fruitless. But there was shoveling all day and earnest shoveling, too. The small boy with the shovel was always ahead of the man with the hoe yesterday in point of efficiency and accomplishment. He had all the work he wanted and things came his way to the extent of several dollars if he stayed with the job long enough. The snow played no favorites; it fell on the level and was just as deep on one man's yard and walk as it was upon the premises of his neighbor. The gutters became mountains of snow as the shoveling progressed and the streets looked like a miniature reproduction of an Alpine range. The man who wanted to get from his place of business to the street had to undertake a secondary job of excavation.

In front of the postoffice news stand the accumulation of snow incident to the clearing of the walk and the opening up of crosscuts was immense. There was not much doing and the letterers about the postoffice and its neighboring institutions spent their leisure in christening and labeling the different peaks and passes. There was a Pike's Peak, of course, and there was a Kelley's Pass; other sky-piercing summits were given local names and the ensemble reminded the old timers of the year when the drainage was so bad that lakes formed all along the streets and each received a name, more or less appropriate. But it made no difference yesterday how busy a man was who came to the postoffice, he had to stop and read all of the signs. At length there was organized a guides' union which undertook the piloting of strangers through the mazes of the Arctic scenery. This worked well until it was discovered that no matter which way you started, you wound up at the Drop Inn bar. This would have made it even more satisfactory than ever had it not been for the fact that the guides when they reached this haven refused to go back for another party. This resulted in the loss to many of the experience of threading the snowy maze.

With all of the snow, there was no cold in this part of the state and the reports of low temperatures from up the river and across the range seemed incredible. The thermometer around Missoula was in the neighborhood of 9 degrees above zero all day and there was not a breath of wind; this enabled the snow to do great business and it piled up on the roofs to an extent that set a lot of them to leaking and caused condemnation of the tinner and the architect who were concerned in the construction of the roofs. The Associated Press took a story out of Helena yesterday, which fixed the temperature of Missoula at 20 below; this was about as near right as the ordinary news which the cold-weather har dispatches from Helena regularly at this time of year and which creates the impression in the east that all Montana is cold. Missoula and the Bitter Root were calm and comfortable all day yesterday and they had more snow last night when they took account of stock than they knew what to do with. But it was not cold; that should be understood the world over; whatever Billings and Helena and other cold-weather centers had to report yesterday didn't go here. Missoula basked in above-zero temperature all day. But it snowed some; there were piles and heaps and banks of it last night. And it was still coming and coming still.

Amos Buck telephoned to The Missoulian from Stevensville at 6 o'clock last night that the snow had broken all previous records in the valley but that it was not satisfied and was coming right along. He said there were 20 inches of the white fall over Stevensville and its surrounding country, but the snow was coming so fast that the figure would be good not more than half an hour; it would be safe to add another inch at 8 o'clock. The Bitter Root folks are already counting the hay and grain crop of this year; they say that this snow means that it will be the biggest thing that the valley ever turned out. The snow's hitting every spot in the valley and in the mountains it is so deep that the guessing has stopped; the last people out of the hills said there were 20 feet on the summit of the Bitter Root range then and it has been piling up ever since. There will be water enough for everybody in the spring; that's a cinch. In the valley the temperature has been above zero all the time; last night it struck down pretty close to the cipher but there was no wind and the sleighing was fine. The valley people find it difficult to realize how cold it is east of here; they say they haven't had to burn coal until within a week.

Charlie Searles, after making a record with the Copper City local coming down the canyon from Butte Thursday, stubbed his toe yesterday morning, getting in from Hamilton. To come through a narrow mountain pass all right and then to get stalled in the snow in the banana belt was the irony of fate, but that is what happened to Searles yesterday morning. He had hit her up all the way down the valley at a clip that surprised the natives and sent the snow flying all the way up to the

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OFFICIALS SUSPECT A HOAX

INTIMATE THAT ALLEGED MURDER MAY PROVE TO BE NO CRIME AT ALL.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 8.—The murder mystery of the Battle Run church, near Columbus township, seemed no nearer solution when the county officials resumed their investigation today than when they entered the blood spattered church Wednesday noon and dragged from the stove the lumps of flesh and bones that appeared to be the remaining fragments of a human victim.

Rev. J. H. Carmichael, pastor of the church, and Gideon Browning, the Adair carpenter, who was the minister's neighbor, have not been seen since Tuesday. Various theories have been advanced to show that the bones found in the church stove belong to one or the other of the missing men, but none of the explanations offered seem to show any degree of certainty. It is even suggested that the red stains scattered over the interior of the church are not human blood and that the gruesome pieces found in the church stove may be from a cadaver stolen from some graveyard.

In support of the theory that the murder indications are all part of a gigantic hoax the assertion was advanced that the missing preacher was known to be carrying \$5,000 insurance.

Identifies Teeth.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 8.—Dr. Charles W. Bowber, dentist of St. Clair, this afternoon positively identified two of the teeth found in the stove of the Battle Run Methodist church as part of the set he made for Gideon Browning, the missing carpenter from Adair.

Severely Criticized.

Benkleman, Neb., Jan. 8.—Rev. J. H. Carmichael, who figures in the Adair, Mich., tragedy, was pastor of the Methodist church of this place during 1895 and part of 1896. He was severely criticized near the close of his pastorate for alleged indiscretions and his dismissal followed the bringing of charges against him. He was a member in good standing of the A. O. U. W. lodge of Benkleman.

QUESTIONS SETTLED.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 9.—Trout strike the fly from the water side of the lure. This question, which has been the subject of discussions and arguments among skilled fishermen since the days of Isaac Walton, has been settled for all time. W. H. Durham of Los Angeles, while hunting game fish with a camera on Blue lake, near the Snake river, east of Spokane, succeeded in photographing a trout rising to bread crumbs thrown on the water. The negative proves that the trout strikes its food from behind, not from underneath, as was the popular theory. The fish, which was afterward netted, measured 12 inches and weighed 4 pounds. The snap shot was accomplished with a rapid rectilinear lens, working at 1-100th of a second with an extremely flat plate. A blackened shade was used. The photograph is declared by experts to be the most remarkable of wild life ever made. It shows the fish as through a thin film of glass, but perfect in outline, defining the spots and markings.

AN UNEXPECTED BLOW IS RECEIVED

ALIENIST UPSETS CONTENTIONS OF DEFENSE IN HAINS MURDER TRIAL.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 8.—A blow from an unexpected quarter was received by the defense in the trial of Thornton J. Hains today, when Dr. L. Samuel Manson, an alienist, under cross-examination by Prosecutor Darin declared that Captain Hains suffered from maniac depressive insanity last August, an ailment that would have prevented him from recognizing the face or name of an enemy. The alienist said that in a patient suffering from such a malady all power was practically lost. Prosecutor Darin, taking advantage of the admission of the defense's alienist, asked him if his opinion of Captain Hains' mental condition would be changed if he knew that the army officer had conversed intelligently before and after the shooting of William E. Annis and would have recognized the victim as his boat near the float. The expert said his opinion remained unchanged. Dr. L. Pierce Clark, another alienist for the defense, testified that Captain Hains was insane on August 15 when the shooting took place and that he was insane early in November when the witness made his last examination.

TRIAL OF CASHIER COMMENCES AGAIN

Pittsburg, Jan. 8.—The trial of J. B. F. Rinehart, former cashier and vice president of the Farmers' & Drivers' National bank of Waynesburg, Pa., was resumed today. The alleged pre-empt pool in the bank was the object of the government's attack today. James L. Iams, a former director, acknowledged that the "J. L. Iams trustee" account of \$40,000 was to be used for the purpose of electing a judge, recorder, treasurer and prosecuting attorney of Green county.

It is said that if Rinehart goes on the stand in his own behalf his testimony will seriously involve others and cause a sensation.

Auction Sale.

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EVIDENCE IS GIVEN BY SMITH

FORMER RAILROAD AGENT TESTIFIES IN HARRIMAN MERGER PROCEEDING.

New York, Jan. 8.—That prior to 1901 the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Santa Fe railroads were in actual competition for California business was testified to by George Smith of Jersey City, a former general agent of the Pennsylvania railroad at the hearing today of the government's suit to dissolve the alleged Union Pacific merger. Mr. Smith said also that the Oregon Short Line, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern competed for freight shipments into and out of Portland, Oregon. Shippers at Denver and other Colorado points have been benefited by competition, he said.

When asked what other lines in the east have competed for transcontinental business, Mr. Smith said: "The Missouri Pacific, the Denver & Rio Grande, the New York Central, the Erie, the Lehigh Valley, in fact all lines of any importance that connect with western roads."

NOT TREATED FAIRLY SAYS MISS BARNARD

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 8.—Miss Kate Barnard, superintendent of charities of Oklahoma, decided today at the Lansing penitentiary investigation that she was not being treated fairly and warned the Kansas investigators that she was watching the Kansas hearings and would hold them responsible.

It was Miss Barnard's original charges that Oklahoma prisoners were inhumanly treated that brought about the investigation. Today, when Senator Reed, one of the commissioners appointed by Governor Hoch of Kansas was questioning the witness and asking her to be more explicit, Miss Barnard displayed anger and declared she was not being given a fair chance to support her charges.

"I warn you, gentlemen," finally declared Miss Barnard, "that God is watching this trial and that he hears everything that is being said, and you men are responsible to him. I serve notice on you that, if necessary, I will meet you before the gates of heaven for a fair trial."

WOMEN WILL FIGHT RACE TRACK GAMBLING

Seattle, Jan. 8.—Representative-elect Ole Hanson, who is fathering the bill to close race track gambling in the state by making it a crime and a felony, has enlisted the support of the leading officers of the City Federation of Women's Clubs in the mass meeting to be held on Friday afternoon.

Women will speak at the meeting. Dr. Mathews, who is in charge of the active work in the week-of-prayer movement now in progress, has prevailed on the denominations interested to attend the mass meeting in a body. J. M. Frink was today selected as a speaker. Judge Thomas Burke is another. The race track officials operating the Meadows are to be given an opportunity to be heard. Hansen has sent out 3,000 personal letters urging attendance.

BIG FIRM FAILS.

New York, Jan. 8.—Failure of customers to protect the holdings of Consolidated Gas at the time of the severe break in that stock, following the decision upholding the 80-cent law, is alleged to have been the cause of the failure of the firm of Heckel, Baxter & Seed, which was announced today on the consolidated stock exchange.

The failure of C. Willette, a trader, was also announced today on the same exchange.

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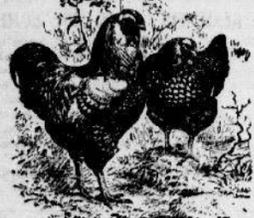
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