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PLAIN TALK.

Sunday there was a cutting scrape on West Main street. It occurred in the neighborhood of the Mint saloon; the report which was published yesterday regarding the affair had it that the stabbing was done in front of the saloon; the proprietor of the saloon says that it took place in front of a store nearby. Be that as it may; the matter of thirty feet, one way or the other, is not a feature of the case that will be seriously considered. The saloon man says that it was not his whiskey that caused the cutting but charges that the stabbing was the result of a quarrel over a woman who stays in one of the so-called lodging houses on the opposite side of the street. It is set forth as a fact that the men involved in the quarrel spent the last part of Saturday night in the lodging house known as the Leiser block; it is also alleged that their visit to this lodging house was not for the purpose of finding a place to sleep.

A few weeks ago the chief of police took from another lodging house on West Main street a girl, thirteen years old, who had been there for three nights and days, away from her home. Every night there are orgies in these lodging houses, some of which are on West Main street and at least one of which is on East Main. The back-door trade between these places and neighboring saloons is brisk and it is not interrupted by official interference. It goes on as long as the saloons are open at night and women are the purchasers who call at the saloon doors. Last Friday and Saturday the son of a well-known family in this city was missing from his home and from his work; his presence at the business in which he is engaged was imperative but he could not be found. Yesterday it was learned that his absence was due to both the saloon mentioned in Sunday's affair and to one of the West Main street lodging houses.

The Missoulian asserts without fear of successful contradiction that these lodging houses are worse in their influence upon the young men and women of this city than West Front street ever was. At the time when the reform movement insisted upon the closing of West Front street's dives, the Missoulian asked where these women would go; the answer was that the then leader of the movement did not know and did not care. In The Missoulian a warning was sounded at that time that the closing of West Front street, unless its habitues were herded somewhere else, would be a calamity to the city. And now that very calamity has come about.

When the bawdy houses of West Front street were running wide open and full blast, the variety theaters flaunting their iniquity upon West Front street and carousals were unchecked in the Red Light district, the conditions were not as bad as they are now in these lodging houses. There is not a night when the cheap dances break up that young men and women cannot be seen going direct from the dance hall to some of these lodging houses. The nights are disturbed by the revelry that goes on in these places.

This is plain talk but everybody who knows anything at all about conditions in Missoula after the lights are turned on, knows that every word of it is true. How would you like it, Mr. Missoula Man, if it were your boy or your girl who went up to these places, where drinks go into the back door and, the next morning, your son or your daughter came out of the front door, ruined body and soul?

A NEW ONE.

From San Antonio, Texas, comes the assertion that a man down there has invented an airship that is as much better than the Wright machine as that machine is better than the first dirigible balloon.

Experiments which have been made with models of the machine have proved to the entire satisfaction of the inventor the success of the mechanical principles which he has employed. His machine, about which he does not care at this time to give out much detailed information, differs radically from all others which have thus far been exploited. It is one whereby his propellers are so arranged that the machine needs no track or long distance run in order to make a flying start. It can also alight on or

rise from the water without trouble, and by an automatic arrangement balances itself while in the air without assistance from the navigator. It will be equipped with two thirty-six horsepower engines, either of which will be sufficient to run the machine alone. An equipment of four parachutes will be carried, which, in case of accident, will open and land the airship without disaster to it or its occupants. The machine can be constructed in anything from a sporting size to a military or commercial proposition.

GEORGE C. HIGGINS.

Yesterday, friends paid their tribute of love and esteem to a man whose life merited the impressive testimonial furnished by the presence of hundreds at his bier and by the words that were spoken in eulogy of his career. George Higgins was a man of whom it was often said that he had never knowingly wronged a man; he was instinctively a gentleman; he was an affectionate son, a true friend and a good citizen. The record which he left as a public officer was without a blemish; he was true to his trust in the minutest detail. He was patient in suffering and endured without complaint the affliction which attended the closing years of his life. In his life there was much that called for special commendation; he was, at times, beset with temptation, but he stood firmly for what he believed to be right and he leaves a name unsullied and a reputation which may stand as an example to other sons of the city of which he was a native. Missoula's tribute yesterday to his memory was fully deserved. George Higgins will always be remembered as a man among men. He deserved, if ever anybody did, the "grand old name of gentleman."

Great Britain says provisions are adequate for the use of English and American in Turkey but reports from Beirut do not indicate that the protective system is working well.

With a lot of baby Elks due tonight and a bunch of baby Eagles turned loose last week, Missoula's zoological collection is increasing rapidly.

The country clamors for speed in revision and the congressional bill is thrown into the high gear in response to the demand.

Turkey, having waked up to the fact that the sultan is not infallible, may discover that she can get along without him.

There is marked similarity this week between the rapid growth of vegetation and the expansion of Missoula.

The difference between Turkey's upheaval and a Central American revolt is that Constantinople saw real war.

With surveying parties in every valley and mountain pass, this would be a good time to take a boom census.

As to whether or not Allah is great depends upon which side of the Turkish trouble the opinion comes from.

The Missoula river, having held off as long as possible, is getting as busy as the Turkish reformers.

The Missoula river seems to have the unreasonable idea that its toll is one bridge each year.

Director North of the census bureau may die but he wishes it understood that he will not resign.

Mr. Roosevelt will find the "personally conducted" feature of his trip rather irksome.

The hurry-up call is receiving the respectful attention of congress, which is a good sign.

Abdul Hamid will consent to almost anything now; his benevolence is all embracing.

Meanwhile though we have no league, we have some good baseball coming up.

Moreover, there is no doubt that Missoula is to have some new railways.

The sunshine brings joy to everybody but the bridge men.

The Turkish constitution seems to be a genuine document.

Tree planting and street cleaning help much.

GETS NINETY-NINE YEARS.

Pueblo, Colo., April 26.—Ninety-nine years in the state penitentiary was imposed upon R. L. Whitehead by Judge Hunter at Las Animas today for the murder of Wilder Lindsey last July. In pronouncing sentence the judge intimated that he did not believe the prisoner guilty of the crime, but the verdict of the jury compelled him to impose the sentence. Whitehead maintained his innocence to the last.

ILLNESS OF COUNSEL DELAYS THE HEARING

Washington, April 26.—But for early adjournment because of the illness of J. C. Campbell of San Francisco, of counsel for John A. Benson of that city, on trial in criminal court charged with bribery, the government probably would have completed its case today. Mr. Campbell is expected to be present when the case is resumed tomorrow.

CHANGE OF DIVISION AIR BRAKE LECTURE IS DEFERRED INTERESTING

IDAHO OFFICIALS UNABLE TO TAKE OVER PARADISE DISTRICT MAY 1.

Superintendent A. Beamer of the Idaho division yesterday advised the local officials of the Northern Pacific that it would be impossible for the Idaho to take over the district between Paradise and Trout Creek for operation at the time named in the bulletin lately posted at headquarters, May 1. As a consequence the date for the big change has been set for May 15, when, if nothing intervenes, the Idaho division will be extended to Paradise and the new terminal placed under the exclusive control of that division.

Although a bulletin was posted some 10 days ago requesting those employees of the Rocky Mountain division who wished to transfer to the western district to send in their applications at once, the applications have been reaching the office of the trainmaster very slowly, very few trainmen desiring to make a change. Should the Rocky Mountain not supply its quota of trainmen for the new district, men will be taken from other divisions to fill the vacancies.

Yesterday a gang of linemen commenced the work of installing a new long-distance telephone system between Paradise and Trout Creek. These telephones will be used for the purpose of dispatching trains, a system in vogue all over the Idaho division.

DETAILS OF PLANS MADE KNOWN

PAPERS FILED BY PUGET SOUND SHOW WORK THAT IS CONTEMPLATED BY ROAD.

Details of the work contemplated by the Puget Sound road in the Blackfoot district became public yesterday when the papers in the three condemnation suits, which were filed Sunday night, were examined.

It is now known that the terminal for the new branch will be at Bonner, for the south end, and the mouth of the Clearwater river for the north end.

The suits filed yesterday are the regular condemnation proceedings and ask the court to appoint a commission to examine and appraise the lands on the three ranches in the Blackfoot country because of the fact that the owners and the railroads are unable to fix and agree upon the correct remuneration for the desired lands. The first suit filed is against Dwight E. Fessenden, the Bonner rancher, against whom the road was compelled to take out an injunction to restrain him from interfering in the work of the surveyors. It is desired that the appointed commission appraise 62 acres of Fessenden's land in order that it be set aside for the right-of-way, which is to be 100 feet in width.

The other suits are against Curtis P. Laffray and wife and John S. Miller and wife for 167 and 338 acres, respectively. Plans showing the proposed right of way were also filed.

As announced in yesterday morning's Missoulian, all the desired lands lie on the Blackfoot between Bonner and the old Stairs place, and are said to be the best lands for a route through that country.

A TELEGRAPH OFFICE WILL BE INSTALLED

A squad of Western Union linemen began stringing wire for a telegraph loop from Fort Missoula to connect with the Bitter Root circuit near Bitter Root station yesterday. The telegraph business of the post, in recent months, has increased to such an extent that a direct wire has become an absolute necessity. A civil service telegraph operator will be placed in charge of the department at the post and all through messages will be handled through the city office of the Western Union. Heretofore the message business of Fort Missoula has been transacted in the local city offices by telephone, and has not proven entirely satisfactory where code messages have been concerned. The establishment of the telegraph office at Fort Missoula is a decided step in advance and is consistent with the other improvements now under way at the post.

OPERATOR WOUNDED IN PECULIAR MANNER

W. L. McClure, a telegraph operator, was brought to the Northern Pacific hospital here on Sunday suffering from a dangerous wound in the right knee caused by the accidental discharge of a revolver. Up to a late hour last night the bullet had not been located by the attending physicians.

McClure, who has been one of the trick operators at Dixon for several months, had been shooting at a mark with the revolver and was just in the act of taking aim after cocking the weapon, when a large dog sprang at McClure deflecting the point of the gun so that the bullet struck him in the knee. The missile struck just above the knee-cap and penetrated toward the joint. While suffering severely the young man is reported to be progressing nicely.

TRAFFIC DELAYED BY SMALL WASHOUT

Freight traffic was temporarily tied up in the vicinity of Blossburg and Sampson early yesterday morning on account of the grade washing out for a distance of about 100 feet. The excessive flow of water in the vicinity of Blossburg was due to the opening of the gates of the dam at the Blossburg ice pond. Contractors who are working near Blossburg found it necessary to release the water in the pond in order to facilitate their operations at that place. No passenger trains were caught by the washout, and the delay of freight business did not exceed six hours.

Acting Superintendent Hagerty and Superintendent Josh Flemming of the bridge and building department spent the greater portion of yesterday at Sampson directing repair operations.

MILL IS BURNED.

Parral, Mexico, April 26.—News has been received here that one of the large mills of the Hidalgo Mining & Milling company at Presend has been destroyed by fire. A high wind rendered all efforts to check the flames unavailing. The mill was built some years ago at a cost of \$250,000.

Big Reduction Sale on WALL PAPERS

This Week

We positively have so much Wall Paper we don't know where to put it, and are compelled to make this sale for the sake of room. It is our misfortune, however, and your gain. Now is the time to buy your Wall Paper—No matter if you don't use it till fall, it will positively pay you to buy now. Sale only lasts one week. It will introduce to you the largest and most complete line ever brought to the city and on account of its variety we can please the most particular person.

Here Are a Few OF THE Bargains

Table listing various wall paper types and prices: Regular 15c and 20c papers 10c double roll, Regular 20c and 25c papers 15c double roll, Regular 35c and 40c papers 25c double roll, Regular 50c papers 35c double roll, Regular \$1.00 papers 75c double roll. Fine varnish gifts for 25c per roll.

Don't Miss This Sale

And don't think of buying Wall Paper without investigating our line. Sale commences Monday and ends Saturday—Now don't wait a week and then tell us you could have bought that for less—we need the room and we need it now.

Don't Wait! Don't Wait!

Paint! Paint! Paint!

We have paint for every purpose for which paint could be used—For the house, both inside and outside, for the walls inside, for the floors, for the furniture, for metal, iron, boilers, stacks, bridges, barns, roofs—absolutely everything you can think of.

Our customers are always pleased because we have just what they ask for—no substitutes. If you need Paint see us about it—whether you buy here or not, we can give you valuable hints on how to use paint and get best results.

We Are the Glass House of Missoula

Always have the right size and can furnish it quick and cheap. If that glass is broken call us up—we guarantee a speedy cure for that broken pane. Phone 139 Red. Contract Department—We shall be glad to give you close figures on all kinds of decorating and painting. Call us up.

Simons Paint and Paper House

THE MILWAUKEE ROAD A MONSTER MERGER FILED PAPERS IS PLANNED

REGISTERS RESOLUTION SHOWING PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION WORK IN STATE. HARRIMAN WOULD DEVISE A WAY TO CONSOLIDATE NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES.

New York, April 26.—The hill-climbing contest that opened the annual carnival week of the New York Auto-Trade Association was successfully run off today at Fort George, Manhattan. There were no accidents. The best mark made over the 1,900 feet of the abrupt ascent was in the free-for-all, when the Benz gasoline 120-horse-power recorded 28 4-5 seconds.

Helena, April 26.—There was filed today with Secretary of State Yoder, a copy of a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Chicago Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad company, at a meeting in Chicago, April 9, authorizing the construction of the company's first Montana branch line, and which incidentally confirms the desire of both the Great Northern and Milwaukee to secure a certain route in Flathead county.

The Milwaukee resolution calls for a line extending north from Bonner, through Missoula, Powell and Flathead counties to the international boundary line, a distance of approximately 200 miles. This is what is known as the Swan river route, and will connect the Northern Pacific and Milwaukee on the south with the Great Northern in Flathead county as well as tapping the rich coal and mineral fields of southern Canada. The Milwaukee resolution is signed by President H. K. Williams and Secretary E. W. Cook.

New York, April 26.—According to a report circulated in this city, E. H. Harriman has instructed leading corporation counsel in this and other cities to devise a means of merging the New York Central lines into one \$1,000,000,000 system with a central management and one treasury. This, if effected, will operate more than 12,000 miles of railroad lines including the New York Central, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Pittsburg & Lake Erie, Lake Erie & Western Canadian railroads and several smaller railroads. No details are said to have been decided upon as yet, but it is understood that it is proposed to include the Nickel Plate line.

BASEBALL CATCHER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Philadelphia, April 26.—Maurice Powers, catcher for the Philadelphia American baseball club, and one of the best known baseball players in the country, died at a hospital in this city today of gangrene poisoning. Powers became ill during the opening game of the season with Boston on Easter Monday. The physicians discovered he was suffering from strangulation of the intestines and he was operated upon, two other operations being subsequently performed. Powers was 33 years old and made his professional baseball debut in 1888 at Louisville.

STABS SWEETHEART WHO WILL NOT ELOPE

Toluca, Mexico, April 26.—Furious because his sweetheart, Modesta Fuentes refused to elope with him without a wedding certificate, Pedro Secundino stabbed her to death. Secundino then wrote a note saying he would do the same to his pursuers, which he pinned to the girl by plunging his knife through it into her breast, and fled. He was captured and placed in prison. Near the scene of the crime the murderer had written with his fingers on the leaf of a Magua plant with blood of the girl: "On April 26, there was an execution here for jealousy." Secundino stabbed the girl 62 times.

HEINRICH CONRIED DEAD.

Meran, Austria, April 27.—Heinrich Conried, former director of the Metropolitan opera house in New York, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy several days ago, died peacefully here at 2:30 this morning.

QUARTZ TUBES FOR MERCURY VAPOR LAMPS

Quartz tubes for mercury vapor lamps are made by imbedding carbon in quartz, then passing electric currents through it until the quartz is fused around the carbon, which may be removed easily.