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THE POT AND THE KETTLE.

We have stated, now and again, that we didn't know whether or not Dr. Cook reached the north pole; we have also stated, and we now renew the assertion, that he has just as much right to say that he discovered the pole as any other man and he has a right to be given a fair hearing in the matter. Ed Barrill called Dr. Cook a liar, at the same time admitting that he was himself in the same class. Comes now Walter Wellman and declares that Cook is a fakir; this is the limit. Wellman—bunk, four-flusher, fraud, thimble-rigger and arrant sham—calling anybody a fakir! It is to laugh. Wellman is the man who has for several seasons announced that he was going to the pole in a balloon; each time there has been a little hole through which he has crawled. Wellman is also the man who last year said that Indiana would go for Bryan. And now he says that Cook is a fakir. Turn down the lights and let the fiddles play soft music. The villain has the stage center.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

Last night there was a banquet at the state university in honor of the good work done by the football eleven and those who were connected with the season's gridiron efforts which landed the state championship for the institution whose home is Missoula. The banquet was more or less informal; its purpose was to afford outlet for expressions of the satisfaction which is felt regarding the situation at the university in so far as it concerns athletics. Those present were gratified by the spirit which prevailed; it is the right sort; with mutual confidence, each in the other, those concerned in the development of the university can accomplish much; unless that confidence exists, not much can be done in any line. The affair last night furnished assurance that university athletics are on the right basis.

IT LOOKS GOOD.

To those who have not realized the great amount of work that has been done by the street railway people on the south side of the river and on the line between Missoula and Bonner, there was much interest yesterday in the construction work which the company is doing on its line in the city on the north side. Rapid progress was made on the line-building between the Rattlesnake and Higgins avenue and at the rate of yesterday's work it will not be long before the cars are running over the new tracks and then the street railway will be a reality—long desired and fervently hoped for. The weather man smiles upon this work as he has upon all else that has been undertaken in Missoula this season; to him we extend our cordial appreciation.

BIDS FOR THE FIGHT.

The dispatches announce that the selection of the place for holding the prize fight between Jeffries and Johnson will be made today or tomorrow; from New York comes the story that Great Falls is one of the many bidders for the honor of having the mill; at the time this is written in confirmation or denial of this story, but it is the belief of her friends in the state that she will hasten to contradict the statement that she is after the fight, especially as the New York story says that the Montana officers have promised not to interfere. We do not believe this part of the story; it is possible that somebody has written from Great Falls, making some sort of offer for the fight, but it is

not at all probable that any Montana officer has promised immunity to the fighters if they come here. Great Falls is well known the country over; she is a model city in many respects; she does not need the sort of advertising that goes with prize fights.

THE BRIDGE.

Yesterday afternoon saw the completion of the construction of the Higgins avenue bridge. The last of the long work was finished at 3 o'clock except a little cleaning up. There was a bit of informal jollification, in which some of the "boys" participated; they were so well pleased by the windup that they couldn't wait for the formal celebration which is to be held later, when the structure has been accepted by the county commissioners. It is a feeling of great satisfaction that comes with the knowledge that the work is done; congratulations are due the county, the city and the men who have constructed the bridge. It is the general belief that Missoula has a mighty fine bridge.

IN MEXICO.

Some of the racing men who were put out of business by the anti-gambling legislation in California and Louisiana have set up their tents in Juarez, the Mexican city where President Diaz met President Taft and where Harry Gold met Sheriff Graham. Perhaps it will turn out that James Jeffries will meet John Johnson in the same place. If Mexico wants the pool sharks, and the Harry Golds and the Jack Johnsons, she is welcome to them; there will be no protest on this side of the international boundary if she takes them all. If she will keep them, we will be glad. We don't wish Mexico any particular harm but we don't want Harry Gold to come back, we don't want prize fights here and we don't care about the pool-selling game. On these accounts, we are glad to see Mexico reaching out to grab these games.

Perhaps Great Falls wants to get the Jeffries-Johnson fight and have her census taken while the crowd is there.

It is to be hoped that the whitewash barrel will be placed out of reach of the coroner's jury at Cherry.

Cross the new bridge and see how the south side has grown since the flood. You'll be surprised.

If Dr. Cook knows where he is at, it doesn't make so much difference about the other fellows.

There is plenty of booster material available here; what is most needed is intelligent use of it.

The insurgents will do well to remember that Mr. Taft is stubborn as well as good natured.

The folks who visit the reservation are delighted with the region; the reason is apparent.

The bridge is finished and if the commissioners say it is all right we can use it.

Nicaragua will monkey with the buzz saw until she cuts her fingers.

Missoula builders should declare the weather man in on their profits.

President Zelaya should read the lesson that is in Castro's story.

Did you hear the big noise and did you realize what it meant?

Now the south side is talking about annexing the mainland.

Somebody is giving Great Falls some undesirable publicity.

Waiter Wellman is a fine fellow to talk about faking.

Every time Mr. Loeb swings his stick he makes a hit.

The sugar trust is a sweet mess—nit.

Now the street railway.

Next, the sewers.

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NOTES OF WALLACE

Wallace, Nov. 28. Some time ago Mrs. Patrick Burio had a photograph taken of her infant son, Joseph, and sent one of them to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Conolly at Murray. Mrs. Connelly out of desire for a joke sent the photograph to a San Francisco paper which was conducting a beauty baby contest. The photograph won first prize, Mrs. Conolly being credited with being the mother. She received a gold spoon as the award. The spoon she has turned over to the real mother, who feels justly proud of her child.

May Boulot, a resident of the restricted district in Wardner, attempted suicide this morning at an early hour. Her recovery is doubtful, as it was an hour before medical aid could be obtained, several physicians called but she refused to accept service. The girl is 27 years of age. Her act was due to despondency.

Oscar Gunderson, aged 45, years, an employe of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine, was fatally injured this morning while at work on the 1,200-foot level. He was standing on a timber truck, when the engine, without warning, started the train in the tunnel and Gunderson was caught between ser-

eral timbers and his back was broken. He lived 45 minutes. He leaves a wife and children in Kelmog. He became known throughout the district at the time of the troubles of 1899, when he was appointed a deputy sheriff and was stationed at Mullan.

Vance L. Butler of Mullan and several eastern men have formed a company which has for its purpose the acceptance of contracts for diamond drill work in the Coeur d'Alenes. The company is capitalized at \$25,000. Only a few of the local properties have ever employed diamond drills.

DENVER CHURCH IS UNDER MORTGAGE

EXCOMMUNICATED PRIEST GIVES MORTGAGE ON ST. PATRICK'S TO HIS SISTER.

Denver, Nov. 29.—For the first time since the inception of the trouble between Bishop N. C. Matz and Father J. P. Carrigan of St. Patrick's church, which resulted in the reading of a formal letter of excommunication of Father Carrigan in the churches of the diocese yesterday, Bishop Matz today made a public statement: "The letter from me read in the churches of Denver yesterday does not alter the status of Father Carrigan in the matter in any way," said Bishop Matz, "but it publicly informs the communicants of the Catholic churches that he is outside the pale." "They have been able to make the excuse that they had not been notified and all they knew they had gleaned from the newspapers. But now they know it from me, and it is a matter for their own consciences." In view of the fact that the difficulties between Bishop Matz and Father Carrigan now appear to be approaching a climax, significance attaches to the mortgage which has been given Mrs. Allen O'Neil on St. Patrick's church property. Mrs. O'Neil is the sister of Father Carrigan and from whom was borrowed \$24,600 at 6 per cent. to pay off the indebtedness of the new church building. The transaction ties up the property, even if Bishop Matz secures judgment at Rome against the priest.

BOOKMAKER HELD.

Oakland, Nov. 29.—Bookmaker Charles W. Brown, arrested with E. D. Martin, on a charge of violating the anti-gambling law on November 27, by taking a bet for \$2 at the Emeryville race track, was held today to answer before the superior court. Bail was fixed at \$1,000. The case against Martin has been dismissed on the ground of insufficient evidence.

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HOGARTH TO LECTURE.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Announcement was made today by Secretary Mitchell Carroll of the Archaeological Institute of America that David G. Hogarth, M. A., curator of the Isthmian museum of Oxford, would be the first foreign lecturer under the Charles Elliot Norton memorial foundation, recently endowed by James Loeb of New York. Mr. Hogarth begins his lecture tour under the society's engagement at Halifax, N. S., tonight and will address a half dozen societies of the institute in Canada before coming to the United States.



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BARKER LOSES SUIT IN U. S. COURT

SILVER BOW MINING CLAIM CASE FINALLY SETTLED BY HIGHEST TRIBUNAL.

Washington, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—A long pending suit over the ownership of a mining claim in Silver Bow county, claimed by both the Butte Consolidated Mining company and Samuel Barker, Jr., has been decided in favor of the Butte company by the United States supreme court. It appears that agents of the mining company and Barker were prospecting in the Butte mining district in the winter and spring of 1900 and came across some good veins. Barker made two locations, the Annex and the Plumber claims, and the agents of the company gave the claim the name of Louise.

Litigation then ensued over the right to patent the claims, and when the case was tried in the district court of Montana in 1906 the court decided in favor of the Butte company, holding that it did not appear that Barker had performed the necessary amount of development work under the statute before making the location. Barker appealed to the Montana supreme court, but lost, the court upholding the district court. On appeal the supreme court reheard the case and rendered the same verdict giving the patent to the claim to the Butte company.

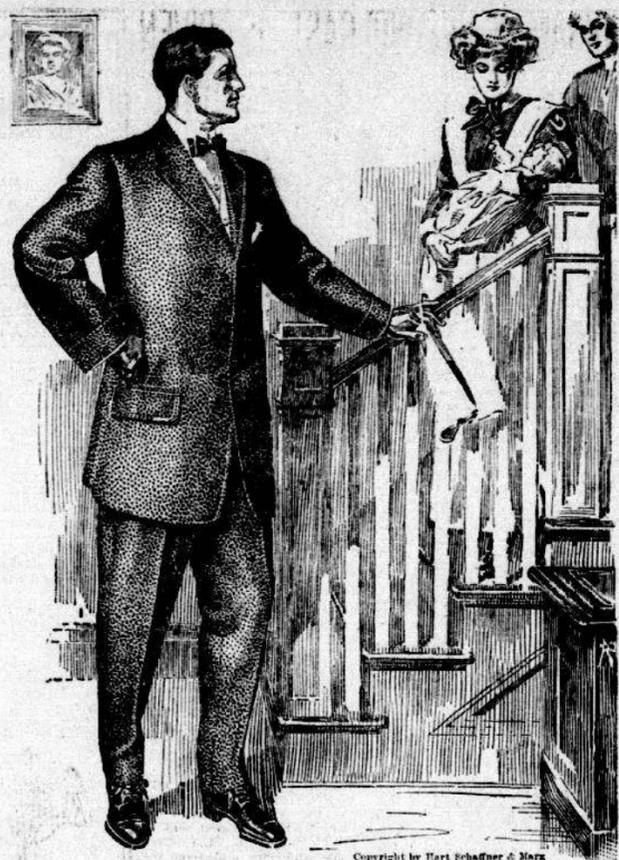
Barker then appealed to the supreme court of the United States in an effort to review the case by the highest court in the land, but Chief Justice Fuller, for the court, announced that the court did not have jurisdiction in the case and would therefore dismiss it. This has the effect of affirming the opinions of the Montana courts holding that the Louise claim by the Butte company was valid and that Barker's claims under the names of Annex and Plumber do not hold.

TWO GIVEN TERMS IN FORT LEAVENWORTH

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 29.—Ben Sailor, a railway mail clerk, who was indicted last week by a federal grand jury on a charge of rifling United States mails on his run between Malad, Idaho, and Ogden, Utah, was convicted today in the federal court. He was sentenced by Judge Page Morris to a term of 12 months at Fort Leavenworth.

The court also disposed of the case of A. L. Williams, who representing himself as a revenue officer, collected various sums from saloon men and lodging house keepers. Williams was sentenced to pay a \$500 fine and serve one year in the federal prison.

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