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PASSING EVENTS

Ushered in by the timely arrival of cold weather, the holiday season is now fairly upon us. Indian summer lingered long in the region which centers in Missoula; there was a six-weeks' extension of the building season that made those happy who had houses under way.

SHOPPING—This year, as usual, there will be many columns written urging the public to make Christmas purchases early. There will be the same arguments set forth, all the sound and logical; there will be the same plea made for the overworked clerk; there will be the same presentation of the evident fact that we can get the pick of the goods if we get in ahead of the rush.

ONE CERTAINTY—The one best bet in holiday shopping being that you will delay the same as you have done in years past, there is a certainty that your procrastination will result for good if you have a bit of the talent of the mail-order habit in your system.

year is the man who best boosts for his home town. The man who does his buying from an eastern catalogue will never do much toward boosting Missoula up to the 50,000 mark.

GETTING THERE—The week brought Missoula one of the best boosts she has had toward that same 50,000 mark. The sanction by the state board of health to the plan to use the Missoula river for the exit of the proposed sewer system was the week's best offering as far as this city is concerned.

A TIMELY WORD—Montana is not as bad as some of her near neighbors in the matter of divorce, but she is bad enough. The sermon by Bishop Carroll last Sunday had timely bearing on this point.

IN WASHINGTON—Despite the forecast of the weather man there are warm times ahead in the national capital. The thermometers may show chilly conditions, but they will not serve to mitigate the heated spell that is in store for Washington.

Scrappy Session Starts



Speaker Cannon and Representatives Townsend and Mann, who may cause a stir.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Congress will assemble Monday for the "long session," which probably will run well into the summer. Senators and representatives who have arrived in town express a determination to take up the work of the session vigorously at the beginning with the hope of having it well advanced before the holidays.

congress will meet; there are many matters listed for consideration by congress that are certain to develop warmth. Speaker Cannon has a warm reception ready for the insurgents and they are not likely to cool the sizzling atmosphere by their retaliatory tactics.

THE MESSAGE—President Taft's message to congress will probably outline, to some extent, the work that congress will have to perform. But that body never yet followed closely anybody's lines, and Mr. Taft's suggestions may not go any farther than those of his predecessors in this direction.

DOWN SOUTH—Although our first expedition to Nicaragua stuck ingloriously in the mud before it was out of sight of its home port, the Taft administration has handled the Zelaya question with gratifying promptness and vigor.

IN MERRY ENGLAND—The holiday season in England this year is not one of mirth and revelry. There are affairs of state which engage the people somewhat to the exclusion of the consideration of matters which are usually uppermost at this time of year.

the curtailment of the hereditary powers of the lords. The latter resist the taxation which, at this distance, appears but fair and just.

ALABAMA'S LESSON—By a decisive vote last week the people of Alabama rejected the proposition to attach a prohibition amendment to their constitution.

Every small boy wears a halo; every girl upon her face wears the smile that won't erase. Kindlings cut without a murmur; dishes washed without a frown.

There is sound doctrine in the motto of the Elks: "The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands; their virtues are engraved upon the tablets of love and memory."

Again we would rise to remark that the poor weighing clerks are not the ones who should suffer in the sugar fraud cases. Get the men who did the sweetening.

That it doesn't require a very smart man to be a kidnaper is shown by the fact that a gang of child-stealers has been captured by the use of stage money.

Basket ball is chiefly beneficial in that it prevents the student from contracting brain drag during the interim between football and field sports.

Shaforth of Colorado publicly declares that universal suffrage is sure to come; but Shaforth is elected by woman's vote.

It is more blessed to give than to receive—but there are many who are willing to forego that particular blessing.

Colorado netted a total of millions this year from the sugar beet; Montana is overlooking something good.

Wyoming, with millions of acres subject to enlarged homestead entry, faces an era of wonderful development.

Montana should have enough sentiment to forbid the construction of the new capitol from foreign material.

The Columbus sandstone fellows are waging their campaign with a degree of energy that deserves success.

Santa Claus has started in with a dash that promises to take him through the local season a-flying.

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver—but we are not told that He despises a grateful receiver.

The small boy ventureth upon the ice and, later, remarketh: "Come on in; the water's fine."

Senator Jonathan Dolliver of Iowa is making a few remarks for the ears of the folks at home.

Although business is not very brisk at the old stand, Abe Reut is yet able to raise the ante.

That Christmas is happiest whose observance includes patronage of the home merchant.

Just now all eyes are turned upon Utah to see if she will really permit the prize fight.

The case of Zelaya also demonstrates that no man is so mean that he has no friends.

Even in Nicaragua, a rascal will hang himself if he is given enough rope.

Cold weather doesn't lessen land values, even in the upper Blackfoot.

Not long can congress keep our attention away from Jeffries.

Today we see the Elks in their true benevolent character.

Zelaya must be given due credit as a bluffer.

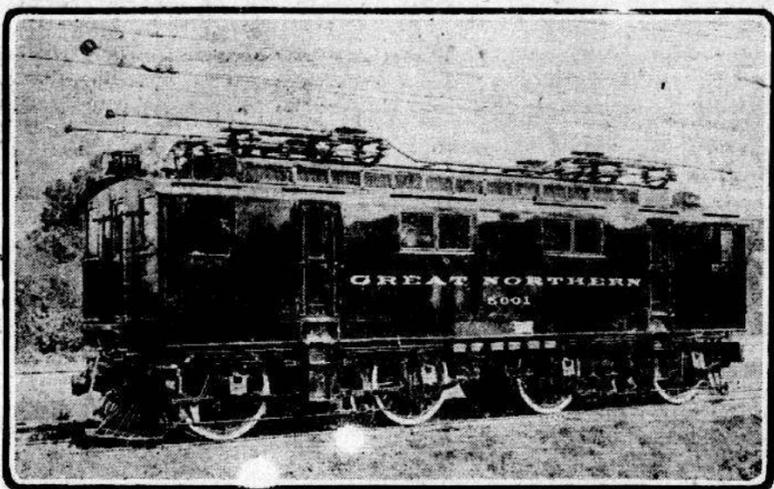
Home-bought viands make the best feast.

Jack Frost can't stop the street railway.

MOST PRECIOUS METAL

The advent and development of the electrical industry has made copper one of the most indispensable of all the metals. Fortunately the new world is rich in copper or the enormous demand for it would make it even more precious than gold.

Lightning-Driven Locomotives



ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE.

Seattle, Dec. 4.—Giant electric locomotives are now shutting trains back and forth through the two-mile tunnel of the Great Northern trunk line railroad which pierces the Cascade mountains about 100 miles east of Seattle.

per could only be used for kettles and other kitchen utensils, for shiny bottoms and ornamental work. Consequently there was little demand for the metal.

Every conductor of electricity in electrical machines and apparatus is made out of copper, except where a resistance is required, such as in electric heating devices or where the weight of copper in long distance transmission makes it more economical to use aluminum wire.

This is almost a universal age of electricity, and if civilization today was confronted with the choice of giving up its copper or its gold the world's gold mines would be deserted tomorrow.

Copper is one of the most ancient of the metals utilized by man. When the first skin-clad savage of ancient Europe heated a lump of copper ore in his fire and melted out the first bit of copper then the stone age was passed and another step toward modern civilization began.

In America the pick of the scientific searcher discloses the copper ornaments of the Aztec and the Incas. The Mound Builders had their copper ornaments and history related that even the Indians who greeted Colorado, Ponce de Leon, Columbus and Hudson wore copper ornaments on their person, although they made no use of it for weapons or utensils.

Down through all these centuries copper has been of greatest value to man, but it did not compare favorably with iron and steel until electricity came into its own a few years ago.

An English firm has succeeded in perfecting an engine suitable either for stationary or marine purposes which is driven by heavy crude oil. For a number of years Canada has been exporting to the United States about \$1,500,000 worth of furs annually, about one-half of the Dominion's output.

smoke and gases which frequently overpowered engineers and trainmen, imperiled the lives of passengers and greatly delayed traffic. The big electric locomotives and all up the steep grades which are impossible for steam locomotives except those of the very largest kind.

The electrical equipment represents the best practice and the very latest development of electrical engineering. The Wenatchee river has been harnessed about 20 miles south of the tunnel, where 12,000 electrical horsepower is generated by the falling water.

One of the most unique features of this installation is the fact that on the descending grade the motors will become generators and return electrical energy to the line to assist other trains climbing the hill on the other side of the tunnel. This is the first time that this feature has been successfully applied to railroad work in America.

At right, Alma Bell, vindicated of the murder of Joe Armes; at the left, Pike Bell, her mother.

Auburn, Cal., Dec. 4.—Alma Bell is free! Pretty Alma Bell, the little mountaineer girl, who shot her lover, Joe Armes, because he was false, is beginning life all over again in her mountain home.

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