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**WAKING UP.**

The other day The Missoulian called attention to the fact that there is no notice given in this city and county and, as far as we know, in the state, to the quarantine of smallpox cases. Since then, editorially and in its news columns, The Missoulian has repeated the warning that dire things are in store for Missoula and other Montana cities unless the situation is remedied. Some of our friends have thought that we would have done better to keep still about this matter as publicity "would hurt the town." We have felt that the best thing that could happen for the city and for the entire state would be to have a thorough understanding of the situation. Last night's action by the booster club and the city council reinforced the position which The Missoulian has taken. There will be radical steps taken today to secure remedial action by the state board of health which, it appears, is solely responsible for the unfortunate state of affairs which exists.

**ORGANIZING CHURCH WORK.**

In Louleville, today, there will be held a meeting of the executive committee of the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America. This council, it is said, represents eighteen millions of church members in this country; it was formed less than two years ago for the purpose of organizing church work and so systematizing it as to avoid the excessive number of churches in small towns where the field is limited and often so cut up by a surplus of denominational church organizations as to interfere with effective work. The movement is an expansion of the federation established years ago in New England. We in the west can readily understand the wisdom of the movement; there are many small towns out here where there are four or five—sometimes even more—struggling churches in a field which could maintain half that number and do it well. More and more the little differences of denominations are disappearing in the broader consideration of the work of the church. The council has undertaken a commendable plan.

**IN TWO CITIES.**

John H. Rafferty, editor of the Treasure State, has been strolling through western Montana, making brief visits here and there, the results of which are set down in his "Opinions," published in his excellent magazine. Two of the cities visited by Mr. Rafferty are Butte and Missoula; Mr. Rafferty is outspoken in his conclusions and, on this account, what he says is interesting; he likes both Butte and Missoula; for Butte he has hope and in Missoula he has confidence; that can be deduced rather easily from these two paragraphs which do not, however, appear in conjunction in the Rafferty columns; they are coupled here merely for our own convenience:

"Gambling, so far as public places are concerned, is extinct in Butte. I was there last week and, although I searched through the purlieus, I found no visible evidence of organized or tolerated gambling. County Attorney Tom Walker of Silver Bow took some pains and much pride in demonstrating this fact. He has been relentless and fair in his prosecution of this old and popular form of law-breaking. Meanwhile, I observe with some astonishment that Mayor Charles Nevin has engaged in the saloon business. In times past I have taken occasion to speak peacefully and proud of Charles Nevin, the young mayor of the big camp. He is an alert, friendly, well-meaning official, and his friends have cause to swear by him. He owns a partnership in the newly re-opened

California Tavern, a sometime famous place of public comfort and some joy, concert hall and tavern. But there are women employed in it as singers and entertainers. It is infinitely superior in conduct and intent from the Capital Music Hall recently closed in Helena, but, just the same, as it is operated under the proprietorship of Mayor Nevin of Butte, I believe it is in distinct violation of the wine-room law."

"The astonishing enthusiasm and energy with which the progressive spirits of Missoula are possessed is making swiftly and inevitably for the advantage of that most naturally beautiful of all the towns of Montana. I inspected the new bridge the other day and counted over a thousand pedestrians passing over it within one hour of a Sunday morning. It is not yet open to general traffic, but is so broad, so well-constructed, so slightly and so well illuminated that it cannot fail to be an immediate and material addition to both the attractiveness and the utility of the Garden city. The opinion of Attorney General Galen to the effect that Missoula may legally and without detriment to down-river settlements, drain into the Missoula river, has made plain sailing for Mayor Logan and the city council. Upon the solution of the drainage question, depended the disposition of the paving question and now it will be but a few months until Missoula shall be the best paved and most slightly city in the state. The streets are wide and level; upon either side dozens of new, fire-proof and beautiful buildings; the geographical and topographical disposition of the city makes unmistakably for natural beauty, convenience and growth."

In the evening by the hearthstone, he rests in the fire's bright glow; he heeds not the wintry breezes that storm his bungalow. In the morning he looks in the woodshed and beholds a pitiful sight, for the comb, the source of his comfort, isn't half so full as last night.

The lords spiritual have forsaken the lords temporal in the British campaign and the latter are realizing, more and more fully, the seriousness of their position; but the realization is a bit late.

The British conservatives find the opposing team prepared for all trick plays and so solidly lined up that straight football doesn't result in any gains.

The Sixty-first congress has a great opportunity for good but the opportunity will not be grasped if factional-suppliants patriotism.

We are so accustomed to predictions of dire calamity from Mr. Fowler of New Jersey that his latest forecast produces no uneasiness.

Zelaya is fortunate in one respect, the Spanish language is the speech best fitted to express his feelings and it is his native tongue.

The daily conversation at the Zelaya table must have the sound of the villain's exit lines in a 10-cent melodrama.

The lineup at Washington is becoming well defined between constructionists and destructionists.

Walter Lonsdale, representing Dr. Cook, has some advantage in being 2,000 miles from New York.

Sweden's king is not sacrificing any of his popularity in getting into touch with his people.

China dislikes Russia's attitude; Japan, also, at one time found it unsatisfactory.

There's some comfort in the knowledge that others are colder than we are.

The man with the full coal bin is as independent as an oil king these days.

Winter days are a good time to prepare for spring activity.

The session has started; now let the insurgents insurg.

Don't let the cold weather chill your boosting.

Jack Frost is certainly plugging for the strikers.

Speaker Cannon was at his desk yesterday.

**SCHOOL CHILDREN STUDY BUSY BEES**

New York, Dec. 6.—Surrounded by 200,000 buzzing honey makers, the children of an uptown school have this week begun a course in bee culture, that promises to prove as instructive as it is novel. In three giant hives far up on the roof of the schoolhouse, this busy army of insects has been installed for the purpose of being studied by the eager pupils to whom they are furnishing more lessons than are found in books. Occasional stings have not yet checked the enthusiasm of the youngsters in the pursuit of bee lore, and the trips of the insects to the flowers of the neighboring park have yielded a honey product that more than compensates for the pain.

**PRESIDENT HAS COLD.**

Washington, Dec. 6.—Visitors to the White House today found President Taft suffering from a cold which he contracted Saturday or Sunday. The chimneys of the president's room at the new executive offices have been drawing very badly and the furnaces have been depended upon for heat. Secretary Carpenter also has a cold.

**LONGPRE MUST GO TO PRISON**

**THIEF CHANGES PLEA TO GUILTY—THEATER CASE BEFORE JUDGE WEBSTER.**

Philip Longpre yesterday changed his plea to guilty before Judge Webster in the district court and was sentenced to 18 months in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge. Longpre was accused of stealing \$15 from a man named Toles, the theft being committed in a Front street saloon.

**Cohen in Court.**

Davis Cohen, accused by a woman of the underworld of appropriating diamonds belonging to her, was arraigned in the district court yesterday. Cohen will plead Wednesday morning at 9:29. He was given the privilege of putting up a bail bond of \$1,000 or a cash bond of \$750.

**The Penny Case.**

Yesterday Judge Webster heard the case of the state against T. C. Penny, a test case involving the opening of the Bijou theater on Sunday. The case was argued and submitted on an agreed statement of facts. County Attorney Mulrooney representing the prosecution and H. C. Stiff and Floyd J. Logan the defendant. The decision of Judge Webster will be announced later.

**Jury Dismissed.**

In the case of J. S. M. Neill against George Briggs a jury was waived and, as a consequence, the juryman were excused until Friday, December 10. The Neill-Briggs case is to set aside a tax deed.

**Two Suits.**

Barbara G. Higgins, as administratrix of the estate of Francis G. Higgins, was made defendant in two suits yesterday. One is brought by the Western Montana Flouring company to recover \$1,280.97 on a note and the other by the Missoula Light and Water company of a claim for \$54.50.

**CLOSING OF JEROME'S CAREER ON EAST SIDE**

New York, Dec. 6.—Watching the removal of William Travers Jerome from the home that he has made in the midst of the East Side slums the people of this city are beginning to realize that one of their most striking public figures is about to sink out of sight.

For 16 turbulent years Jerome has roamed, amused, inspired and disgusted the people here by turns. Whether he battled behind an axe against the gambler or slumbered on his historic couch in the district attorney's office, New York, has never lost interest in the erratic career of this most conspicuous of its public men.

Reams of newspaper cartoon and story have been reeled off as the result of the spectacular activities of Jerome, who is now about to lose himself in the humdrum paths of the private practice of law. To the people of the slums, from which he is now withdrawing his residence, Jerome was and is today an idol, for all his peculiar personality.

Following the vane that bore away forever the effects of the only office holder who ever sought out the society and sympathy of the poor, the wondering eyes of many of the tenement people were moist.

**FAVORABLE WRIT IS GRANTED GOMPERS**

Washington, Dec. 6.—The United States supreme court today granted the petition for a writ of certiorari in the contempt cases of Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, officers of the American Federation of Labor. The effect of the decision will be to bring the entire record in the Bucks Stove & Range company cases against these three men to the supreme court for review.

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