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ALL RIGHT. If the Milwaukee men who were here yesterday carried away as good an impression of Missoula as they left here themselves, we have a fine lot of good friends added to our list.

There is abundant opportunity for winter activity in the field of the chamber of commerce and the booster club. With steers selling at \$10.50 a hundred, the stockmen smile, but we shall have to order our steaks cut thinner. So long as Fowler of New Jersey speaks the anti-Cannon keynote, the speaker has not much cause to worry. The completion of the bridge emphasizes the fact that much can be accomplished by combined effort. The trust would have done better to follow the old-fashioned method of putting sand in the sugar. The weather man deserves commendation for his efforts to give us a white Christmas. Coupled with the farewell to the Milwaukee men is an earnest invitation to come again. The demand for a strong navy is hard to reconcile with the demand for retrenchment. With the strikebreakers striking the strikers have a chance to break the strike. The Cherry coroner's jury does well to refuse to consider censored evidence. The strike bulletins are as conflicting as the dispatches from Nicaragua. The deposits in Montana's banks reflect thrift as well as prosperity. How does it seem to walk across on your own bridge? The Bitter Root has twenty new booster friends. The Milwaukee crowd is made up of good boosters. Keep boosting; it wins and it pays. Shop early and sleep well.

THE BRADLEY VERDICT.

The Missoulian finds considerable satisfaction in the Ravalli county verdict in the Bradley case. At the time the alleged assault upon Glover was committed, The Missoulian gave what it believed to be a correct account of the affair; this story was not published until careful inquiry had been made into the circumstances attending the incident. At the time there was some harsh criticism in Hamilton regarding the course of The Missoulian; the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce did not indulge in its favorite occupation of passing resolutions, condemning The Missoulian, it is true, but there were some unwarrantably harsh statements made by people who should be friends of this newspaper, whose policy has been consistently for the boosting of the valley. But what we started to say was that the verdict in the Ravalli county district court Thursday completely sustains the account of the Bradley affair, which was given in The Missoulian, and we are gratified to have confirmation of our news service.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Yesterday's news dispatches announced that the mayor of Chicago had placed the ban upon the notorious "First Ward ball," which has been a disgrace to the city for years; this ball was the annual bacchanalian revel held under the auspices of the political bosses of the ward, the notorious Bathhouse John and the infamous Hinky-Dink. Earnest protest has been made against this disgraceful event, but not until this year has there been any heed given to the voice of decency and morality. That Mayor Busse has heard and has acted is a good sign. From New York, also, the wires have brought encouraging news this week; the speech made Wednesday night by Mayor-elect Gaynor indicated that he intends to do some housecleaning in the great metropolis. His condemnation of Tammany's bosses and their methods was vigorous; if he lives up to his declaration, New York will sit up and take notice before many weeks. The country is not going to the bow-wows. The betterment is not only in commerce and industry; there is a moral development no less strong.

PROHIBITION.

"The more I think of it, the more I wish every drop of booze in the world were burned up." This was the comment of a young man in the office of The Missoulian last night. He is not a

prohibitionist, but he is a man who has seen a good deal more of the soamy life than it falls to the lot of the average citizen to observe. His remark was occasioned by a discussion of the defeat of the prohibition amendment in Alabama. There has been a good deal of comment upon that defeat, and that part of this comment which seems to us most reasonable is that which avers that the prohibitionists accomplished their own defeat by their ultra-radicalism and their unreasonableness. The more the question is studied, the more it becomes apparent to practical men that the effective way to control the liquor business is to maintain strict supervision over it and to insist that it be conducted according to law. Prohibition has never yet prohibited where it has been made a state-wide issue. The hostility to the liquor business is extending, but it will not accomplish its purpose by the enactment of prohibition laws. Experience has shown this.

What slight glory there used to be in prize fighting has vanished now that the purse is regarded as of greater importance than the belt.

Those hot-headed Central Americans who denounce our Nicaraguan policy must be looking for some of the same, Caramba!

We still believe in Santa Claus; we do not care a rap for the man who says he's mythical; we know he's a fine old chap.

As we get uncensored reports from Nicaragua, we learn that Zelaya is the limit and that Knox had the right dope.

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TO LET THE BARS DOWN.

(Yellowstone Journal)

Gradually, through casual mention in the newspapers of the state, it is becoming known that our state board of health, at a meeting held some time last summer, ordained and ordered, that after January 1, 1910, there would be no more seclusion of smallpox patients by quarantine. It is not denied that the immediate purpose of this order is to compel increased vaccination.

We of Miles City have heard of this state board of health before, much to our disgust, in connection with our sewerage matters, and possibly the name and fame of Dr. Tuttle, the secretary and active member of the board, is not such as to create a feeling of confidence in the merit of his dictums, and even had he heretofore established the reputation of being a safe guide in matters sanitary this order to throw down all safeguards and allow smallpox patients to mix freely with the general public, is certainly a reason why his advice should be scoffed at and his orders disregarded. Here is a professional gentleman presumed to be versed in the theories and facts of contagion, who holds that the discharge of sewage into the Yellowstone river at Miles City would be fatal to the health of the people of Glendive, a hundred miles distant as the river runs, who will not only permit persons afflicted with smallpox to go at large, freely, but orders that they be denied the asylum of quarantine. A consistent scientist, truly.

In this connection it may be interesting to those who have the ability to interpret the law as written, to enquire into the power to forbid quarantine, that is lodged in this high and mighty state board of health. A pertinent section from the revised codes of 1907, and the only one that appears to bear directly upon this question, reads as follows:

"Whenever any infectious or contagious disease exists or is believed to exist on any premises within his jurisdiction, the local or county health officer shall immediately place such premises under quarantine, in accordance with such rules and regulations.

At the expiration of the period of quarantine, the local or county health officers shall personally supervise the disinfection," etc., etc.

It would seem to the law mind that the foregoing is mandatory as to the quarantine, and advisory only as to the manner of establishing and maintaining same. A cursory perusal of the whole act establishing the state board

Of course your boy or girl wants a Flexible Flyer! Who wouldn't? They know it is the swiftest and handsomest sled ever built. It steers around every obstacle at full speed by a mere pressure of the hand or foot on the steering bar without dragging the feet. You go like the wind. And no other sled can pass you. Make your children happy with a Flexible Flyer "The sled that steers"

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It is not too soon to think what you are going to give for Christmas. For a boy, a good warm suit or overcoat is a sensible, serviceable gift.

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Missoula Mercantile Co. Pre-Holiday Sale of Boys' Clothing

Savings of One-Half, One-Third and One-Quarter

A Sale that will appeal to every mother and father who has a boy of whom they are proud—and where is the mother or father who has not felt a thrill of pride in a boy of individuality—THE BOY among a hundred? Such a boy simply must have clothing that will do something more than cover his manly frame; he must have clothing that shares his individuality, his distinctiveness, his openness in a multitude—in other words, Missoula Mercantile Co.'s Boys' Clothing.



All Our Boys' and Children's Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Underwear, Etc., Reduced

Our Boys' and Children's Clothing is so favorably known in this section that words as to its superior qualities are not needed; suffice to say that the reductions herewith apply to our regular lines—no job lots, no odds and ends, but good, new, stylish, seasonable goods.

Boys' Straight Knee Pants Suits HALF PRICE

A splendid selection of all-wool, well-made Suits for boys aged 7 to 16 years; all made with straight knee pants; regular prices \$3.00 to \$6.00, reduced ONE-Half.

Table with 4 columns: Suit type, Regular price, Reduced price, and another Regular price. Includes items like \$3 Straight Knee Pants Suits for \$1.50.

Boys' Double-Breasted Reefer Suits With Knickerbockers ONE-FOURTH LESS

Fine fabrics, fine styles, every suit new this season and all have Knickerbocker or bloomer pants. Sizes, 7 to 16 years

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Under this head comes all our Suits in the Juvenile Section, sizes 3 to 8 years. Smart little garments in serges and fancy mixtures, made up in Russian and novelty styles. The only high-class juvenile apparel shown in Missoula.

Table with 4 columns: Suit type, Regular price, Reduced price, and another Regular price. Includes items like \$4.50 Juvenile Suits for \$3.35.

Children's Overcoats on Sale One-Fourth Less

Table with 4 columns: Overcoat type, Regular price, Reduced price, and another Regular price. Includes items like \$3.50 Children's Overcoats for \$2.65.

Boys' Reefers and Overcoats Great Reductions

Boys' heavy, double-breasted Reefer Coats, made from Oxford frieze, with storm collars; regular price \$3.50, now \$2.50

Boys' genuine German chinchilla Reefer Coats, made double-breasted, with warm wool lining and storm collars; sizes 9 to 16 years; regular price \$5.50; now \$3.95

Boys' Long Overcoats, in all the new models, including those with military collars; well-made garments, made from good, warm, all-wool materials; sizes 9 to 16 years; reduced as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Overcoat type and price. Includes items like \$6.00 Overcoats for \$4.50.

Boys' Pants, Waists, Shirts, Sweaters and Underwear

\$1.50 KNEE PANTS ONLY 65c

100 pairs of Boys' Straight Knee Pants, every pair guaranteed all-wool or pure worsted. In winter weights and in dark patterns; every pair well made, with good drill waist bands and pockets; sizes 4 to 16 years; regular price \$1.50 a pair; on sale at 65c

BOYS' CORDUROY KNICKERS AT 75c

100 pairs of Boys' Corduroy Knickerbockers; full cut, well made garments; in light tan and drab; sizes 6 to 16 years; special for this sale, per pair 75c

BOYS' \$1.00 COAT SWEATERS 50c

Good quality, white wool Coat Sweaters, all sizes, for boys; regular price \$1.00; special 50c

BOYS' WAISTS AND SHIRTS

10 dozen Boys' Waists, made from good quality, dark colored materials, sizes from 4 to 12 years; regular price 50c; Sale price 25c

1 lot of Boys' Flannel Waists, with collars attached, extra quality and well made; sizes from 5 to 12 years; regular prices 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25; now 50c

Boys' Flannel Shirts, in blue or gray, fine quality; regular price \$1.00; on sale at 75c

BOYS' UNDERWEAR AND GLOVES

"Lambdown" Underwear, for boys, all sizes; warm, desirable and sanitary garments; per garment 35c

Boys' good, fleeced-lined Underwear, per garment 25c

Boys' Wool Gloves, good and warm, per pair 25c

Mail Orders for Any of the Above Will Have Prompt and Careful Attention. If Goods Are to Be Sent By Mail Be Sure to Include Enough in Your Remittance to Cover Postage

COLD IN FLORIDA.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 10.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced here early today, the temperature dropping to 29 degrees above zero, ice forming. Considerable damage to garden and fruit crops is feared.

Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor

beside this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman" writes Mrs. O. Rhinevaldt, of Vestal Center, N. Y.

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