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A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

About two months ago The Missoulian announced that the Milwaukee folks had revised the plans of their Missoula station so as to provide second-story quarters for division offices. Yesterday morning we suggested that the railway people might make an appropriate Christmas present to Missoula by sending along the accepted plans. Very shortly after The Missoulian had been read yesterday, the Milwaukee came through with the plans and announcement was made that the new structure is decided upon as to its arrangement and that the plans will be ready for construction work to start in the spring. We hasten to make due acknowledgement of the pleasing gift, which will be an important addition to the city's architecture and will supplement the Higgins avenue bridge in fine style. Located west of the south end of the big bridge, the new station will be at once an ornament and a convenience. Nor do we underestimate the significance of the placing of division offices in the second story of the building.

IN EXTRA SESSION.

While Montana is discussing the advisability of holding an extra session of the legislature, Illinois is going ahead with one. The lawmakers of the big middle-state will convene today in special session, pursuant to the call of Governor Deneen. There are several matters of importance included in the summons of the governor: direct primaries and deep waterways are the chief subjects enumerated in the call and they will engage the attention of the legislators until they are disposed of. It is designed to enact a direct primary law, to take the place of the Oglesby act, which was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the state. Illinois has had a deal of trouble securing a primary law, but her persistence is commendable and she deserves to win out this time. The state is much interested in the deep waterway plans and may decide to proceed independently of the federal government in a start upon this work. The session will also give its attention to an industrial insurance measure, requiring employers to pay indemnities to widows and orphans in accidents like that at Cherry.

WINTER BASEBALL.

Fans the country over are watching the meetings of the major leagues, which begin today in New York. All the year around the fan maintains his interest in baseball, and some of the liveliest games of the diamond are played in the hot-stove league. Both the National and the American league magnates are in session in New York and the former are in a stew; there is trouble in the camp and the week will develop some fast work. The election of a president of the National league is the most important business of the meeting. For weeks past the baseball atmosphere has been tinged with war talk and much has been heard of the fight to prevent the retention of Johnny Heydler in the presidency. John M. Ward, the former manager of the Giants; Joseph D. O'Brien, head of the American association; James A. Hart, former head of the Chicago club, and several others have been mentioned as probable successors to Heydler. However, it is now claimed that Messrs. Murphy of Chicago and Ebbetts of Brooklyn are destined to fail in their efforts to oust Heydler, and that the latter undoubtedly will be retained as head of the organization.

Several other matters in addition to the election of a president are likely to make things lively at the meeting. Among these are the alleged plans of Murphy and Brush to make the Na-

tional a "syndicate" by taking over the Philadelphia club, and the effort of Garry Herrmann of Cincinnati to cut short the league schedule and provide for a series of inter-league games at the conclusion of the National and American leagues' playing schedules.

In comparison with the National league session the meeting of the American league tomorrow promises to be an exceedingly harmonious affair. The meeting will be devoted to winding up the affairs of the past season and to an informal discussion of the schedule and other plans for next year. When the two leagues have finished their business the magnates will come together in joint session to consider the advisability of changing the 154-game arrangement. On this subject a wide variety of opinion exists. President Johnson and other leaders of the American league believe that the season should be reduced to 140 games, while the National league magnates, on the other hand, are understood to be in favor of lengthening the season to 163 games.

SCIENTIFIC BURGLARY.

A Newark burglar who has baffled all efforts at detection has aroused much curiosity as to his methods this season and it has been but recently that it was discovered how he unerringly located houses whose occupants were absent on the nights of his operations. It has been found out within the past fortnight that this enterprising burglar used the telephone as an auxiliary to his robberies. He made it a part of his program to call up private residences by telephone until he found a house that did not answer. Then he knew the folks were away and he hurried to the house and robbed it. He was thus enabled to make big hauls, unmolested and without any danger of being shot by disturbed householders. Now that his game has been discovered, he will be compelled to drop it in that field, but he is said to have stolen many thousands of dollars' worth of valuables by his unique method. To such base uses is the telephone descended.

You've read of the foolish virgins, who waited too long for their oil, and, rushing too late to the wedding, encountered the door's recoil. Well, you'd better remember the story and learn from the virgins' sad fate that it's better to go shopping early than to foolishly procrastinate.

Charlie Harnois furnishes the theater for the celebration exercises tonight. Pat Reilly supplies the managerial dignity; the Eagle band and the mænnerchor contribute the music; all you have to do is to bestow your presence to make the affair a complete success.

Now it is up to the railways and the switchmen or to the railways and the switchmen to increase the cheeriness of our holiday season by restoring traffic.

The Worcester man who tells a tale of airshipping from Boston to New York will have to do it again or furnish a couple of Eskimos.

The celebration of the bridge acceptance is a noteworthy event; it should be attended by everybody who can get into the theater.

The holiday skate that is innocent and beneficial should not be confused with the skate that is gulfic and dangerous.

The insistence for football revision for the present overshadows the demand for tariff revision.

Bishop Carroll's sermon on socialism should be read by every student of religious and political matters.

The Milwaukee people came along with their station plans in time for Christmas.

The Eagle band gives the music to-night and wants you to attend its dance.

Quarantine certainly lessens the danger of an epidemic. Why not have it?

There are ten days left for shopping; you'd better get in and drill.

King Leopold will have few sincere mourners.

There's no time like the present.

The early shopper gets the plums.

Today is the day to shop.

Don't delay another day.

Buy early.

Shop today.

MAY OFFER REWARD FOR GIRL'S RECOVERY

Louisville, Dec. 13.—Circuit Judge Pryor of Louisville, formally requested Governor Wilson tonight to offer a reward in the name of the state for the recovery of Alma Kellner, the 8-year-old Louisville girl, who left home to go to mass last Wednesday and has not been heard from since. The governor replied that he knew of no statute which would empower him to offer such a reward, but that there was no restriction upon offering a reward personally, and that he would take some action tomorrow. Meanwhile there are no theories left and even surmises and suspicions are few.

RETURNS FROM EAST.

Hamilton, Dec. 12.—F. J. White returned from Minneapolis, where he has been on business for several days. Mr. White is interested in a large land project in the valley.

ALDERMEN ADOPT A RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL MOURNS LOSS OF J. S. KEMP—IMPORTANT MEETING HELD.

A RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the mayor and city council of the city of Missoula, that

Whereas, Our esteemed friend, J. S. Kemp, was suddenly called from this life, we hereby express our regret at his loss and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. Kemp, an our city clerk, was at all times competent, genial, kind and loyal, and our responsibilities were greatly lightened by his faithful service and advice. We recognized in him one whose strong, consistent Christian character was an example to his associates, inspiring to a better life all with whom he came in contact. While his demise to his friends is a loss it is a gain.

It is hereby ordered that these resolutions be spread upon the records and a copy be forwarded to his family.

ANDREW LOGAN, Mayor.
H. T. WILKINSON,
J. E. PATTERSON,
JAMES D. CORBETT,
WILLIAM CRAWFORD,
NELS JENSEN,
W. W. MCCORMICK.

The above resolution was passed by the city council at its regular meeting last night, all of the aldermen present signing it.

The Bridge Is Sold.

Last night the old Reitz bridge passed out of the hands of the city into the possession of the Missoula Light & Water company. The old bridge which has become so familiar to Missoula people during the past few years, which cost \$5,000 when it was first built and which has cost the city as much again since, sold last night for the sum of \$200. Three bids were received for the structure. Arthur Graham offered \$105, F. A. Mix \$278 and the Missoula Light & Water company \$500.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock, Aldermen Moody and Kern being absent.

Several petitions and ordinances were referred to the various committees.

The bond of E. A. Kane for \$20 for the construction of the sidewalk from the south end of the Van Buren street bridge to the university grounds was approved and accepted.

The electric light committee reported favorably on the petitions for arc lights at the corners of Locust and Harrison and Madison and Pine streets, respectively, and the council ordered the lights placed.

The committee reported unfavorably on the petition for a light at the corner of Eddy street and Helen avenue. The report was adopted.

Plumbing Inspector.

The ordinance creating the office of plumbing inspector was placed upon its final reading and was passed, all aldermen present voting in its favor. This office is required by the recently passed plumbing ordinance. The inspector is named by the mayor and receives as his salary all fees collected in the transaction of his work. He is required to inspect all building plans and all completed buildings. He must have a sufficient knowledge of plumbing to fit him for the position and is to be a member of the plumbing committee.

Needs a Raise.

A letter was read from City Treasurer Hatheway stating that the city was behind in its road tax three years, six months and ten days, the money owed amounting a little over \$12,000. The treasurer recommended that this deficiency be made up by raising the license collected over to the road fund.

Mr. Hatheway also recommended that in consideration of the fact that the annual election was almost at hand the salary of the city treasurer be increased to \$600 per year after the present term had expired. He stated that in no other city of Missoula's size in the state was the treasurer's salary so low and advised that in view of the increased responsibilities of the office the salary be increased. He also recommended that the city treasurer have charge of the road fund. Such a move, he stated, would greatly simplify matters and would allow a more thorough collection of the taxes.

A Change of Name.

The city engineer reported favorably upon the petition of Mrs. P. B. Marshall for a refund of sprinkling tax charged against her property on Orange street and also recommended that the tax charged against Dr. H. J. Riley be refunded. The council ordered both taxes repaid.

From the Governor.

A letter was read from Governor Edwin L. Norris stating that in view of the letter sent him by the city council he had requested the state board of health to meet at the state capital on December 15 to discuss the smallpox quarantine law.

No action was taken by the council. Superintendent M. H. Fowler of the Northern Pacific advised the council that the road was planning to raise the grade of the Bitter Root branch line at West Pine street in the near future and requested that no further action be taken in regard to the proposed crossing there until the plans had been definitely agreed upon.

The matter was referred to the streets and alleys committee with instruction to consult Mr. Fowler concerning the crossing.

City Property.

In regard to the location for the future city hall Alderman McCormick, chairman of the city property committee, stated that he had secured an op-

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tion, good until Wednesday, on the property at the junction of West Main and West Front streets at a selling price of \$6,500. Mayor Logan read a letter from J. M. Price offering the corner lot opposite the county court house, 30x100 feet for \$8,500.

A New Map.

County Surveyor James Bonner showed to the council a new map of the city. The map was the most thorough and well arranged that has ever been drawn and he offered two to the council at \$12 each. The maps were purchased.

E. C. Reitz tendered to the city \$10

which he had collected on the temporary bridge.

The bill of G. S. Hollis for \$108 for sawing wood was allowed.

The council then took a recess

for five minutes and inspected the two pieces of property offered as sites for the city hall. After looking them over a short discussion ensued the result of which was that the council adjourned until 1:30 this afternoon when it will meet in the mayor's office to discuss the matter.

WITNESS IS WITTY IN HER REJOINDERS

New York, Dec. 12.—The ready wit and cool head of Mary Blair Brokaw, who seeks a decree of separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year from her millionaire husband, W. Gould Brokaw, flashed again and again today through the persistent plodding of her cross-examination.

"At the times you say your husband threatened to blow out your brains, did you believe him?" asked John F. McIntyre, counsel for the defense.

"Not when he wasn't drinking," returned the witness, adroitly.

"Did he say he would or could do it?" pursued Mr. McIntyre.

"In Paris he said he could and in the south he said he would."

"Well, he did not did he?" asked Mr. McIntyre as a clincher.

"I think," said the witness, sweetly, "you find I am still left."

RACETRACK OPERATOR IS SEEKING REVENGE

Washington, Dec. 12.—Smarting under the action of the state department in bringing about the closing of his race track in Mexico, across the line from California, H. Brodaski of Los Angeles arrived today to demand that Secretary Knox take similar steps to put an end to a race track operated by Americans at Juarez, across the Rio Grande from El Paso. The action of the American government in the case of Brodaski's at Tia Juana followed numerous complaints from citizens of Los Angeles and other California cities. At the request of this government the Mexican government withdrew Brodaski's concession.

Describing himself as a "reformed gambler, after 25 years of play," Brodaski will appear tomorrow before the senate committee on judiciary to expose the methods and the extent of secret betting in this country. The committee is to listen to arguments on a bill which would prohibit the interstate transmission by telephone, telegraph or mail of race track or other gambling information.

ACCUSED OFFICER ADMITS HIS GUILT

New York, Dec. 12.—Captain Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., twice commended by General Chaffee and General Otis for distinguished service in China and at Manila, pleaded guilty today to a long series of petty embezzlements from the mess fund of the West Point cadets. He was sentenced by Judge Hand in the United States circuit court to two years and six months in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. His counsel gave notice that he would apply for a writ of error and review.

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