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THE WINGS.

Present indications are that the extraordinary session of the state legislature will, when it is described in history, loom up as a formidable rival of the famous march of the brave old Duke of York. It seems, at this range and distance, that the legislature will endorse the action of the state board of examiners in the award of the contract for the construction of the wings to the capitol. This done, adjournment will be in order. It may be that this prediction will fail. The Missoulian sometimes guesses wrong in the matter of legislatures and discoverers. However, the probability is, at this writing, that the wings of the capitol will have their plumage of Bedford stone.

LIGHTING RATES.

Anacosta is celebrating because Mayor Gagner has brought the lighting company to the favorable consideration of a new contract for the city arc lamps, which will reduce the cost to seventy-five dollars a year for each light. This is a substantial reduction from the old rate in the Copper city, but the reduced figure is greater than Missoula has been paying for her arc lamps for three years. Under the present contract with the light company, Missoula pays seventy-two dollars a year for each of her arc lamps. These figures are mentioned merely to call attention to the fact that we are not as badly off as we sometimes think we are.

THE FAT FARMER.

Henry Clews believes that the farmer with a surplus in the bank is an "easy mark" that tempts the shark and the shyster. We have long been told that the prosperity of the farmer means the prosperity of everybody else, but we never before looked at the situation in the way Mr. Clews presents it. But it is perhaps true that the fat farmer makes business good for the gold-brick man, as well as for the manufacturer. And Mr. Clews asserts further that the prosperous husbandman is blamable for the labor unrest. He says: "Holiday quiet prevailed in the stock market. This is the season of the year when many concerns are engaged in making fresh plans for the future, and speculative attention is generally diverted in consequence. A good undertone exists and a hopeful feeling is shown regarding the future. Railroads are doing a large traffic, and the volume of business is generally up to the pre-panic level, and in some cases is in excess. The country now feels the stimulus of agricultural prosperity. Everyone is familiar with the fact that western farmers and southern planters have been receiving phenomenally high prices for their products this year, enabling them to be liberal purchasers of clothing and household goods, not to speak of such luxuries as pianos, talking machines, automobiles, etc. Not a few farmers, instead of buying more land, are making investments in securities with their surplus funds, a condition of affairs which will eventually promote the floating of all sorts of questionable schemes intended to entice the inexperienced. "Prosperity of the farmer is naturally followed, though in a less degree, by the activity in industrial circles. All our large plants are busily running on full time and over, and labor is well employed. In commercial circles there is a corresponding degree of activity, and the only classes who are not sharing in the benefits are those with fixed incomes and those whose work is of a professional nature. The latter, however, did not suffer during the panic, but often benefited thereby in a reduced cost of living, so cannot seriously complain. But those who took the brunt of the disaster should now have an opportunity

of averaging up. Labor is showing much unrest and making demands for higher wages in order to share the improvement, often forgetting that it took little of the loss which followed the panic. While it is satisfactory to record a generally active state of business, it should not be overlooked that the benefits of such activity have not been fairly distributed. Its advantages have largely gone to certain organized classes, who should now be content to see the unorganized get a share before demanding more for themselves.

THE NEW SPOOK.

Fashions are changing in almost everything. The style of raiment is so fickle that we are accustomed to its vagaries; the new woman is so radical a change from her sister of the nineteenth century that we hardly recognize a vestige of the woman who didn't want to vote and whose time was given more to her home than to her clubs. On the whole, the new things are not much of an improvement on the old order; but, perhaps, it is because we are old-fashioned that we think so. However, there is encouragement for some of us in the changed character of spooks, although there are many who will be even more thoroughly terrified by the twentieth century ghost than they would have been had they encountered the old midnight prowler of the nineteenth century. The Journal of Psychological Research tells a story which was related to its editor by the woman who figures in it; this is sufficient authority, certainly.

"A certain young man of excellent family had been admonished by his mother in connection with a predilection toward strong drink and boom companions of the sort unloved by mothers. While she was in the south she had a vision, in which she saw her son 'surrounded by men, taking drinks, numerous and noisy. She had other painful visions.

"When next mother and son met, she called him to her boudoir and said: 'Now I want you to tell me all about what has happened in ——. Don't deceive me. I saw you, etc., etc.' The young man thought somebody had told his mother all about it, and owned up the whole truth."

No longer will business detain us at the office; no more will we be called upon to sit up with a sick friend; not at all will avail the story of the old college friend unexpectedly coming to town—all these venerable excuses are put out of commission by the new spook. According to our notion, this new spook is inexcessively impertinent and prying; but it will be a great promoter of New Year's resolutions. With the spook on guard, we'll simply have to be good.

He hiked to the south when winter came, to "the land of eternal summer;" he had planned to tour in that balmy clime; his trip was to be a hummer. But when he got there he found frost and wind; every day the weather was cooler than the midwinter dope of the weather man, away back in old Missoula.

Governor Norris is a member of the state board of examiners and those who expected him to criticize that board with severity have another guess coming.

These are the melancholy days, when the coal man frequent comes, and the bills mount up at lightning speed as the gentle plumber plumbs.

Holiday greetings from Missoula people who are snowbound at winter resorts remind us how well off we are who stay at home.

Those who got caught in the Rock Island skyrocket performance feel much like a fellow who has bet on a fixed foot race.

We infer from some things the Butte Miner says that the attitude of Governor Norris is not satisfactory to that publication.

No matter whether football revision is upward or downward, there will be a good deal of kicking about it.

The last days of 1909 are peaceful locally, whatever they are elsewhere; Missoula is enjoying them.

Let one resolution be that you will join the chamber of commerce and pay your dues.

The celebration of the courthouse completion promises to be a May-day affair.

The state capital extensions will be built. The legislature has got that far.

When you're looking for a way out of trouble, try a Missoulian class ad.

The trouble with men of the Brokaw type is that they are all wrong.

Out-of-season venison is too expensive to become a popular diet.

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A good way to boost is to join the Chamber of Commerce.

Three days left in which to practice making resolutions.

Those hungry sheep in Idaho should move to Montana.

HEAVY INDEBTEDNESS. New York, Dec. 28.—New York city's total indebtedness for the fiscal year 1907 was more than seven times that of any other city in the United States and more than one-half of the total of the 27 largest cities in the United States, as figured out by the census bureau.

PUGET SOUND PLANS Sample Helps Frail Women SPOKANE LOOP

THIS IS THE LATEST RUMOR ABOUT THE RAILROAD SITUATION IN THAT CITY.

That the Puget Sound will change its main line—or rather build a loop similar to the Butte loop on the Northern Pacific—so as to hit Spokane is the latest theory advanced by those who have been following the railroad situation there. Definite plans have been made according to the report and Spokane is yet to have a direct connection with the Puget Sound. The Spokesman-Review speaks as follows in regard to the matter:

Original plans of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railway whereby the new road was to reach this city from Rosalia through a trackage agreement with the Spokane & Inland Empire Railway, have been changed, according to reports from Coeur d'Alene and statements of J. L. McClellan, a representative of the Milwaukee located at that place to include the building of a loop from Plummer, Idaho, passing through the Coeur d'Alene, down the Spokane river valley to this city and on to a point on the main line near Rosalia. The change puts Spokane on the main line of another transcontinental system.

"The action of the Milwaukee in taking this step is believed to have been prompted by the securing of the control of the Spokane & Inland Empire railway last November by the Hill interests. The new line is said to have made a tentative agreement with the electric line for the use of tracks into this city. The change gave the Hill interests a chance to keep their rival from entering this city, by annulling of the trackage agreement, and compelled the Milwaukee to find a new entrance it is declared. The projected route of the Milwaukee will place it on an equal competitive basis with Hill and Harriman interests for the lumber and mine traffic of Shoshone and Kootenai counties, Idaho."

Local representatives of the Milwaukee assert they know nothing of the proposed route. F. M. Dudley, attorney for the line in this city, said: "I know nothing of the new route from any source. I may be true, but I have not been advised of any steps taken for the purchase of right-of-way down the Spokane valley. The matter would not come to me until this had been taken."

"Local right-of-way agents of the Milwaukee have not been advised of the proposed new route, according to statements made last night."

To construct the new route a subsidiary company was incorporated at Coeur d'Alene with a capital of \$1,000,000, all held by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound, except one share each by J. L. McClellan of Coeur d'Alene, E. D. Sewell, H. R. Williams, E. W. Cook and H. H. Fields, all of Seattle. "The subsidiary company is to be known as the Idaho & Western."

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SPENDS A BAD DAY ON STAND

New York, Dec. 28.—W. Gould Brokaw had a bad day of it on the stand at Mineola, L. I., today. He had previously testified to his fairness toward his wife, who is suing for separation with alimony of \$80,000 a year; but today, under cross-examination, he was forced to admit that he had accused her in a letter to his mother-in-law of loving another man, of drinking too much port wine, and of smoking cigarettes. He also admitted that his secretary, Byford, had assisted him in breaking down the door of his wife's bedroom. Brokaw was in an irritable mood and forgetful of details. The plaintiff, however, was in a light humor. Almost buried in white furs, she sat near the witness and smiled often.

In addition to the interesting developments in Brokaw's testimony, it became known that Mrs. Frank J. Gould, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Horace White of Syracuse, and other friends of Mrs. Brokaw had offered to appear as witnesses in her behalf, but counsel for Mrs. Brokaw said that he considered his client's case sufficiently strong and declined the offer.

W. G. BROKAW IS FORCED TO ADMIT UNPLEASANT CHARGES AGAINST HIMSELF.

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF WIRELESS PLANS

London, Dec. 28.—The wholesale theft of wireless plans, which if they were in the hands of an expert would reveal all the workings of the innermost secrets of the wireless service of the British navy, is charged against Richard Knowlden, who was placed on trial at Portsmouth today.

Knowlden is a draughtsman attached to the torpedo schoolship Verdon. In his room were found no less than 30 plans for wireless improvements and coding books of the most confidential character, which are issued to officers only.

The officers attach the greatest importance to the arrest, as they contended that if the documents abstracted from the Verdon reached foreign governments all the labor of recent years given to the perfecting of a wireless system for the British navy would have been rendered practically useless.

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