

COURSE ARRANGED FOR RANGERS

ABOUT 45 MEN FROM FOREST SERVICE TO ATTEND STATE UNIVERSITY.

Final preparations have been made for the ranger course to be given by the forest service in co-operation with the University of Montana. Notice has been received from the supervisors that about 45 men will attend the course. The course begins January 4, and ends March 31. The men are detailed on full pay, but stand their own living expenses while in Missoula. Their transportation expenses from forest headquarters to Missoula are paid by the forest service. Some of the men are beginning to arrive in Missoula. These men come from all over the state, from Idaho, South Dakota, Michigan, and Minnesota. It is particularly desirable that they get the best impression of Missoula and her hospitality. The forest service is preparing a list of possible accommodations, and will be glad to learn of rooms which can be secured, and boarding places which are available. In order that the men may lose as little time as possible in getting "fixed" before going to work. Information of this character should be referred to the district forester, Hammond block.

It is proposed, in connection with the ranger meeting, to have a competitive rifle shoot, in order to select the best shots for an inter-district meet. Both rifles and revolvers will be used, a silver cup has been offered by Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Cox for the best district rifle and revolver team. Great interest is expected as a result of this meet, and every effort will be exerted to land the cup in Missoula instead of having it go, as in the case might be, to Ogden, Denver, Albuquerque, San Francisco, or Portland.

LOCAL SOCIETY

Will Meet in January.
The Park Addition club will hold its first meeting of the new year on the 5th of January, at the home of H. C. Grey, on the east side. The usual pleasant time is anticipated and many plans for the work of the coming year will be discussed.

Birthday Celebration.
Master Lawrence Rundquist was the guest of honor at a birthday party which was given in honor of his birthday. Nine delighted children were there to enjoy the Christmas tree, which was the feature of the afternoon. As a climax to the afternoon

entertainment a wonderful grab-bag, which yielded up toys of every description, made its appearance. Luncheon had been provided and the guests did it full justice. The merry-makers returned to their homes late in the afternoon, tired but happy, and full of glowing accounts of the glorious day they had spent.

Successful Dance.
The dance given last night by the Garden City Dancing club was all and even more than anticipated by the members and guests. The music and floor were perfect, the happy spirit of the affair seemed contagious, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." These dances, which will be given semi-monthly hereafter, will be looked forward to with much pleasure.

Entertain at a Tea.
Mrs. John Clifton and Mrs. George Weisel will entertain at an afternoon tea at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Toole today. The success of this function is assured, as the originality and capability of the hostesses are well known.

EASTERN STAR LADIES INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Electa chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, met last night in Odd Fellows' annex and installed officers for the coming year. The new officers are: Mrs. Fessie Carlington, matron; Charles Marsh, patron; Mrs. Hodgson, associate matron; Mrs. Charles Marsh, treasurer; Mrs. Ethel Evanson, secretary; Mrs. Clara Lawyer, conductress; Mrs. Matilda Baird, associate conductress; Mrs. Myrtle Ward, Ruth; Mrs. Florence Riesland, Esther; Mrs. Lillian Barratt, Martha; Mrs. Lida Farmer, Electa; Mrs. Mary Houston, chaplain; Mrs. Effie Ector, marshal; Mrs. Anna Porter, warder; Earl Baird, sentinel; Mrs. Louisa Orr, organist. Following the installation ceremonies, a banquet was served and the ladies enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

"Poor Richard" Said
"The people are the best judges of merit." This is forcibly illustrated by the increased demand for the famous Cod Liver and Iron tonic known as VINOL. Its worth is demonstrated over and over again in building up the run-down, weak and aged, and to overcome pulmonary troubles. While worthless remedies are disappearing entirely, the fact that the demand for VINOL is rapidly increasing is ample proof of its intrinsic merit. Missoula Drug Co., Missoula, Mont.

There's work for a want ad.—when personal property is to be "turned into cash."

TELEPHONE MERGER PROBED

TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN SUIT AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ALMOST COMPLETED.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Taking of testimony in the telephone merger hearing was completed this afternoon with the exception of two witnesses who will be called at a supplementary hearing late in January. Attorney General Major said he considered the day's testimony of great value in showing that the American Telephone & Telegraph company is a holding company for Missouri companies in violation of the corporation laws. C. S. Gleed of Topeka, Kas., president of the Bell Telephone company of Missouri, and of the Missouri & Kansas Telephone company, testified that his company had purchased 45 or 50 exchanges. He said that patented parts of telephones used are leased from the American Bell Telephone company of Boston, and that other supplies are purchased from the Western Electric company.

Asked by Attorney General Major if these companies were not owned by the American Telephone & Telegraph company of New York, he said he did not know. He also denied any knowledge as to the affairs of the American Telephone & Telegraph company of Missouri, which has offices in St. Louis.

S. R. Hall of Kansas City, general manager of the Missouri & Kansas Telephone company, told of the purchase of several exchanges by his company and said that in some instances rates had been raised and in others they had been lowered. Cyrus P. Walbridge of St. Louis, chairman of the board of directors of the Bell Telephone company of Missouri, testified that the American Telephone & Telegraph company of New York owns 65 per cent of the stock in his company and that reports are made monthly and yearly by his company to the New York company.

It was developed that officers and directors of various companies also serve in similar capacities with the others. Attorneys for the company announced that officers of the American Telephone & Telegraph company of Missouri would appear without subpoena as none concerned in the investigation has anything to withhold.

REVISION OF RULES SEEMS LIKELY

RESOLUTION FAVORING MODIFIED FOOTBALL IS ADOPTED BY LARGE MAJORITY

New York, Dec. 28.—The Intercollegiate Athletic association adopted and submitted to its rules committee a resolution calling for a modification of the football playing rules to reduce the injury to contestants to a minimum. The resolution, which was introduced by Professor E. K. Dartmouth, and adopted after three hours of acrimonious discussion, follows:
"That the football rules committee of this association be instructed to use every possible endeavor to bring about such a modification of the rules as in their judgment shall tend to reduce to a minimum the danger of physical injury to players and at the same time retain as far as possible the most desirable and wholesome features of the game."

JOHNSON WILL TRAIN IN HIS OWN "GYM"

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Work was started today on the equipment of the gymnasium in the barn at the rear of Jack Johnson's new home here. The negro champion plans to do much of his preliminary training in his new gymnasium. According to his plans the equipment will be the best obtainable, and he will have an ideal training place when it is finished. A 24-foot ring will be the main piece of furniture. Johnson said he would have a large training staff, consisting of "Gunboat" Smith, Mote Cutler, Jack Heinan and several others.

IN THE THEATERS

One of the most important theatrical attractions to be seen in this city this season is "The Soul Kiss," the pretentious musical comedy success, which has enjoyed a run of nearly one year at the New York theater. New York. The stellar feature of the piece is Mile. Pertina, the famous premier danseuse, who comes to America to duplicate the success she achieved throughout the principal cities of Europe. The several dance diversions she introduces during the piece are unique exhibitions of graceful art. "The Soul Kiss" is the joint work of Harry B. Smith and Maurice Levi. The story of "The Soul Kiss" is revealed throughout scenes of beauty and splendor. The piece contains many tuneful songs, bright, clean comedy and is presented by an exceptional cast and a competent chorus. "The Soul Kiss" is bound to be admired for its richness of production, its diversity of gay entertainment and its gorgeously gowned and beautiful women. "The Soul Kiss" will be the attraction at the Harnois January 4.

REX CAFE
Good Eats
137 EAST MAIN STREET

Missoula Mercantile Co.

The After-Christmas Clean-Up Sale

Chances to buy return gifts, New Year's gifts, between-times gifts and birthday gifts at tremendous reductions. Look ahead just a little ways and prepare for the occasions throughout the year, when you would give anything for the chance that now awaits you.

In the Dry Goods Department---All Holiday Goods at 1-2--Half Price--1-2

All Christmas Novelties	HALF PRICE	All Collar Boxes	HALF PRICE
All Fancy Neckwear	HALF PRICE	All Traveling Cases	HALF PRICE
All Fancy Back Combs	HALF PRICE	All Fancy Writing Paper	HALF PRICE
All Fancy Hat Pins	HALF PRICE	All Books	HALF PRICE
All Glove and Button Boxes	HALF PRICE	All Pillow Tops	HALF PRICE
All Fancy Pin Cushions	HALF PRICE	All Fancy Jewelry	HALF PRICE
All Leather Hand Bags	HALF PRICE	All Fans	HALF PRICE
All Fancy Purses	HALF PRICE	All Mussed Handkerchiefs	HALF PRICE
All Opera Bags	HALF PRICE	All Toilet Articles	HALF PRICE

In Toyland Everything Goes for Half Price

Toyland closes its gates next Friday night, to live in memory for another year, when it will be grander, bigger and better than ever. Everything must be sold by that time, and this is your call to stock up in this line at HALF PRICE.

Toys of All Kinds; Games of All Kinds; Dolls of All Kinds; Pictures of All Kinds

Everything, in fact, in Toyland must be sold before New Year. Think of the many times through the year when you would give a great deal for a toy or a doll, were such things to be had. Think of next Christmas and what you would save by buying these things now at HALF PRICE.

This is not a cleanup of old, handled, soiled or damaged goods, but of new, fresh, clean and perfect goods forming our reserve stock, a large percentage of which is in original cartons. Cost or value are not considered in Toyland's dissolution—HALF PRICE FOR EVERYTHING.

In the Crockery Dept.---Discounts of One-Fourth, One-Third, One-Half

Choice of Our Entire Stock of Jardinieres at One-Third Reduction

\$3.75 Silver Sugar and Cream Sets reduced to	\$2.80	\$2.00 Silver Napkin Rings reduced to	\$1.50
\$4.50 Silver Sugar and Cream Sets reduced to	\$3.35	75c China Berry Dishes reduced to	50¢
\$5.00 Silver Sugar and Cream Sets reduced to	\$3.75	\$1.00 China Berry Dishes reduced to	65¢
\$9.50 Silver Sugar and Cream Sets reduced to	\$7.10	\$1.50 China Berry Dishes reduced to	\$1.00
\$2.00 Silver Bread Trays now reduced to only	\$1.50	\$2.00 China Berry Dishes reduced to	\$1.35
\$4.00 Silver Bread Trays now reduced to only	\$3.00	\$3.00 China Berry Dishes reduced to	\$2.00
\$6.50 Silver Bread Trays now reduced to only	\$4.95	\$3.75 China Berry Dishes reduced to	\$2.50
\$6.50 Silver Baking Dishes now reduced to only	\$4.95	\$1.50 Fancy Chop Plates reduced to	75¢
\$7.50 Silver Baking Dishes now reduced to only	\$5.00	\$2.00 Fancy Chop Plates reduced to	\$1.00
\$12.00 Silver Baking Dishes now reduced to	\$9.00	\$3.00 Fancy Chop Plates reduced to	\$1.50
\$4.50 Jewel Cases reduced to	\$3.35	\$4.00 Fancy Chop Plates reduced to	\$2.00
\$6.50 Jewel Cases reduced to	\$4.95	\$5.00 Fancy Chop Plates reduced to	\$2.50
\$8.00 Jewel Cases reduced to	\$6.00	\$6.00 Fancy Chop Plates reduced to	\$3.00
\$12.00 Jewel Cases reduced to	\$9.00	\$7.50 Fancy Chop Plates reduced to	\$3.75
\$1.00 Child's Silver Mugs reduced to	75¢	\$8.00 Fancy Chop Plates reduced to	\$4.00
\$1.50 Child's Silver Mugs reduced to	\$1.15	75c Fancy China Pitchers reduced to	50¢
\$2.00 Child's Silver Mugs reduced to	\$1.50	\$1.00 Fancy China Pitchers reduced to	65¢
\$2.50 Child's Silver Mugs reduced to	\$1.90	\$1.50 Fancy China Pitchers reduced to	\$1.00
50c Silver Nakin Rings reduced to	35¢	\$2.00 Fancy China Pitchers reduced to	\$1.35
\$1.00 Silver Napkin Rings reduced to	75¢	\$2.50 Fancy China Pitchers reduced to	\$1.85
\$1.50 Silver Napkin Rings reduced to	\$1.15	\$3.00 Fancy China Pitchers reduced to	\$2.00

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THE GREATEST SUCCESS IN YEARS

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AT THE NEW YORK THEATRE ORIGINAL PRODUCTION

75 PEOPLE 75

WITH THE CELEBRATED EUROPEAN DANSEUSE

Mlle. PERTINA

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STAGED BY JULIAN MITCHELL

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A LETTER

"GEORGE W. SCOTT, MISSOULA, MONT.:
"I CAN SEND YOU 100 PAIRS OF WOMEN'S SHOES, M'KAY'S AND WELTS, AT \$1.25 PER PAIR. THESE ARE GOODS THAT SELL AT THE FACTORY PRICE FOR \$1.75 AND \$2.25 PER PAIR. TELEGRAPH IF YOU CAN USE THEM."

The above letter explains how it is that you can buy your shoes at the SAMPLE SHOE STORE for less than factory cost to manufacture. If you think it worth while to save from 75c to \$2.00 per pair in your shoe buying, call in and let us show you.

Sample Shoe Store

322 HIGGINS AVENUE

WONDERFUL WIRELESS

Extracts from A. Y. P. Book Of Vancouver, British Columbia

The first cable across the Atlantic ocean was laid in 1858, and now, 50 years later, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell predicts that the wonders of this age will be rendered obsolete by wireless telegraphy.

British Columbia is not behind the rest of the world in this latest and greatest invention; she has eight of the finest wireless stations in the world in operation at the present time, equipped by the United Wireless Telegraph company and has three others in course of construction, the United Wireless is developing and protecting by patents three distinct wireless telephones in order to protect their interests in the development of wireless communication. They report progress to the extent of transmitting the voice and music for 30 miles overland and 150 miles over the sea. United Wireless stock is now selling at 4 times its par value and in six months will be selling at more than double its present price. Don't fail to see

W. E. GILBERT

FLORENCE HOTEL, MISSOULA, MONTANA

MARRIED IN SPOKANE.

Spokane, Dec. 28.—Miss Sadie E. Asseltine and Ernest M. Mathes of Missoula were married at the home of Rev. Dr. C. O. Kimball, pastor of Vincent Methodist church here, the morning of December 25. Dr. Kimball read the service. Mr. and Mrs. Mathes were formerly residents of Spokane but they will make their home at Missoula, where Mr. Mathes is employed.

HODCARRIER ARRESTED.

William Jensen, a hodcarrier, was arrested yesterday on a warrant served by the sheriff's officers. It is understood that Jensen has had trouble with stone-masons of the city. He is charged with creating a disturbance. He furnished a bond of \$50 and was given his liberty.

PURCHASE ANNOUNCED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—It was announced today that Drexel & Co. of this city had purchased the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad company's holdings of Lehigh valley railroad stock, amounting to 26,000 shares.

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We handle eight and nine year old Kentucky whiskies and are making special prices on these lines of goods. We buy our supplies direct from the distillers, thus saving the middleman's profit, and we are giving our customers the benefit of this saving. We handle no adulterated goods of any kind and our guarantee of purity stands behind every purchase from this store. If you cannot call at the store, phone us your order.

We serve a free lunch every day from 11:30 to 1:30. Call and get acquainted. Everybody welcome.

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Excursion Rates

VIA

The Oregon Short Line Railway Co.

\$36.20 Butte, Denver, Colo., and return \$36.20
Tickets on sale January 5, 6, 1910. Going limit five days. Final return limit January 31, 1910.

\$15.90 Ogden, Utah and return \$15.90
Tickets on sale January 4, 5, 6, 1910. Final return limit January 19th.

For berth reservations call on or address

Short Line City Ticket Office

No. 2 North Main Street Butte, Mont. F. D. Wilson, D. F. & P. A.

FINED FOR DISTURBANCE.

Charles Clark was tried before Justice of the Peace Small yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace and was found guilty. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs. As he was unable to pay, he will serve out the fine in the county jail. Clark is the man who is said to have pulled a razor on another man a few days ago. This

was the third time within a month that he was arrested and the court took that into consideration in sentencing him.

INCREASE IS SHOWN.

New York, Dec. 28.—An increase of \$41,909,582 in customs receipts in 1909 over 1908 is shown in Collector Leob's annual report, issued today. Total duties collected at the port of New York for 1909 amount to \$217,520,827.