

HORACE A. ROBERTS BUYS "FAIR" FORMER RECTOR OF THE MISSOULA ASSUMES CHARGE OF HAMILTON HOUSE.

Hamilton, Jan. 1.—A deal was consummated yesterday by which D. T. Goff disposed of his interest in the "Hamilton Fair" to his partner in the business, Horace A. Roberts, who will assume full control of the business. Goff and Roberts have had charge of the business for a little more than a month and have made many changes in the store, the stock having been renewed and enlarged. A department has been added to the store for the handling of butter and eggs and other farm produce.

SOLVED AT LAST.

Hamilton, Jan. 1.—Investigation yesterday showed that the damage to the mail car door on Wednesday evening was caused by the falling of the spout to the water tank. The broken door was first noticed when the train crew appeared in the morning for the run to Missoula, and it was generally thought at first that the car had been broken into by some one.

COOPER JOINS CLUB.

Hamilton, Jan. 1.—O. C. Cooper returned last evening from the coast where he spent the Christmas holiday with his family. His return to Hamilton was opportune, as he was just in time to be initiated as a member of the Pretzel club, at their second meeting at the Ravall hotel last evening.

BACK TO ANACONDA.

Hamilton, Jan. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gunniss of Anaconda returned yesterday to their home in that city after having spent a day with their son, Walter Gunniss of this city.

CARDENAS REFUSES TO ACCEPT MADRIZ

Washington, January 1.—Senor Casarillo, representative of the Nicaraguan negotiators, received a cablegram tonight from former President Cardenas of Nicaragua. It said: "We have absolutely refused to recognize Madriz."

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY THE HEAVY RAINS

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Torrential rains during the last 26 hours did much damage in this vicinity and seriously impeded traffic on railroads and interurban lines. In this immediate vicinity the heaviest damage was done along the course of the San Gabriel river and the Pacific Electric company was the heaviest sufferer.

FIVE PERSONS INJURED.

Greenfield, Ind., Jan. 1.—Five persons were seriously injured, two probably fatally in a head-on collision between two limited interurban cars on the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern line at Philadelphia, four miles west of here late today.

A Few Choice Lots On Your Own Terms

\$250—will buy two fine lots, 30x150 each, in School addition, North side, on city water. \$1.00 per lot, cash, and \$1.00 per week.

W. J. RHOADES REAL ESTATE, MINES AND INSURANCE.

Apologetics of a Sucker

Last Saturday morning, Attorney Crull of Roundup was arraigned before Judge Cheadle on an information charging him with placing a bet on a horse race. While pleading guilty, Mr. Crull expressed the deep humiliation caused him by the unfortunate predicament, says the Fergus County Democrat. He is a worthy resident of the Musselshell metropolis and showed that he is not only game enough to take his medicine but is also talented enough to afford the court and assembled attorneys some genuine merriment.

Substantial excerpts from Mr. Crull's address are as follows: "Explains Situation. 'May it please the court, I have a few brief words to say, not in my defense, sir, nor in palliation of any offense I may have committed to bring me to the humiliating position I now occupy, but I do sincerely desire to offer the court a short explanation as to why I am now before this honorable presence a suppliant for its clemency.'"

"It was on a balmy Sunday afternoon in the month of October, may it please the court, that as I wended my way to a meeting of the Epworth league in the beautiful, bustling metropolis of the Imperial Musselshell valley, I was so unfortunate as to meet a party of my friends who were also going in the same direction. I have now the modern little city of Roundup, the spirit of chance permeates the very beginning of every progressive resident of such city. It seems as if the 'bulldozer' is always and ever a devotee of Dame Fortune, ready to stake his last dollar on his judgment that he may win."

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"As I would have you understand, Roundup is a glaring exemplification of the proven fact. We arrived at the race track, your honor, and there before me and around me was gathered, in gallant array, the beauty and chivalry of the 'Miracle of the Musselshell.' There were rich men, poor men, beggars, strong in the anticipations of things to come, wise in their day and generation, men that looked like horse thieves, and who were sure horse thieves, and a few honest men—all the natural concomitants of a horse race in these decadent days."

"There Was a Horse Race. 'And there was a horse race. 'Prancing before me, up and down the track I saw the 'Pride of Forsyth' fleetly than the wind, more beautiful than the gazelle, and more promising to some there than the mines of Colorado. Also, the favorite, unbeaten and unscathed 'Dixie,' and here, your honor, was where I fell, and fell harder than ever Lucifer fell. And, your honor, they were ready for the start. Even honest men and beggars, in that assembly were ready to wager their all on the outcome of this, one of the greatest speed contests yet recorded on the musty pages of history."

"And sir, witnessing such a scene, 'Lives there a man with soul so dead Who to himself has never said Here is where I get even On my whole life.' 'Sir, I frisked myself and found that I was the humble but honest possessor of twenty-six, count 'em, twenty-six simoleans, and I played the chunk on the 'Pride of Forsyth.' 'Some narrators have said that

NEWS OF THE MINES.

Spokane, Jan. 1.—Dead Medicine mine, in Stevens county, Washington, which produced \$200,000 worth of lead and silver following its location by John Keough in the early days, before the start of railroads in eastern Washington, is to be reopened by the Clugston Mining & Milling company, a Spokane corporation. Under the original management, which was in the hands of Colonel I. N. Peyton and his associates, who later made a fortune out of the Le Roi, the Dead Medicine mine was abandoned, because of the expense in transportation and other incidental disadvantages. Twenty thousand dollars was expended in development work. The property was sold three years ago as the Jasper and Evergreen ledge mining claims. The old workings of more than 1,000 feet of tunnel and crosscuts along the ore veins have been reopened and extended, opening up much new country, including new deposits of ore that before were not known to exist. The ore, which is heavy sulphide iron, carrying from 1 to 2 per cent copper and discharging the silver and lead, a liberal value of gold, lies between block slate and granite. The silver values run as high as five ounces to each unit of lead, the base metal running as high as 26 per cent. The property is seven mile east of Boscawen, on the Spokane Falls & Northern, a branch of the Great Northern railway, and is now so convenient to transportation that the new owners are greatly encouraged over the prospect for the development of an immediate shipper. It is planned to install a 50-ton concentrator next spring.

Lead-silver concentrates from the Alice mine in the Coeur d'Alenes are now being shipped regularly to Carbonate, Pa., the 12th car going forward yesterday. The mine is producing a high grade of ore, and when improvements under way are completed, will have a daily output of 200 tons. The mill has been enlarged and extra vanners and tables are being placed. These improvements will be completed in a short time. Since the new

chance was eliminated, opportunity was eliminated and honesty annihilated in the frameup previous to this speed contest.

"It may have been so, I think it was. 'It is alleged by some of the participants, your honor, that this race was held within an enclosure. According to the broad-minded views, held by us who lived in the days of the unfenced range, it was an enclosure. As fragile memory serves me, there was a barbed wire fence partially bounding this enclosure on the east, to the north, by the elasticity of my imagination, I could discern the narrow horse race, on the south was the succession of the equinox and on the west sir, was the end of time."

"As I recall it now, those two sturdy horses could still be running and not have covered one-fifth of that straightaway course. 'Sir, as I have said before, there was a race. And with the permission of the court, asking for this digression, I desire to ask you, sir, have you ever been placed in a position where twenty-six simoleans, shekels, pesos, yen, also known in this country as dollars, represented an overwhelming majority of your capital stock. And, sir, has it ever been your misfortune to have taken fair chance by the foretop and cast the die to win or lose this, your all in all, on the result of a scrub horse race? If so, sir, you are placed in a position to appreciate the poignant pain which permeated my more or less ponderous avardupois when I saw the 'Pride of Forsyth' falter in the stretch and lope leisurely under the imaginary wire like a winded range cow, long after the unbeatable and invincible 'Dixie,' carrying the colors of the solar douch coat and con skin cap had been twice carried down in the near stall."

"Day of Disappointment. 'Sir, this was my day of grievous disappointment, dire humiliation and financial engulfment. 'But, sir, I was not the only sucker in that concourse of spectators. There was a wall that could be heard from Lavinia to Melstone, the reverberations of which waded the nearby cactus as though they were breathed upon by a south sea simoon and caused the tinkle of mine No. 3 to wobble in its socket."

"Trouble was on. Conspiracy was rife—and had been rife from the moment I was met on my way to the Epworth league. And the warmer waxed the controversy, the riper it became. Sir, I am trying to make an honest living practicing law the best I know how with what little stock I have in trade. The owner of the Forsyth horse, having lost his money and his 'pride' in the race, asked me in my capacity as an attorney to undertake the recovery for him of his horse. Then I also, was unjustly branded a conspirator, and by that familiar process known as the double-cross, I am now before the bar of justice pleading to an information. I wish it understood here in this presence, with these honorable men congregated around, that I am ashamed of myself, deeply humiliated and feel the consequence of this false position more than I am gifted to tell at this time, may it please the court. 'It might say more. It would possibly have become me to say less."

"But I desire here and now, in this presence to state that hereafter on those golden Sunday afternoons, when the sun laves with its warm waves that bibulous Babylon, the city of Roundup, that if there is a horse race, in one direction, or a dog fight in the other direction, I shall attempt as nearly as possible to steer in a straight line in a diametrically opposite direction."

"Sir, I am only an ordinary, sinful, wicked man. But I will say that I plead guilty with humiliation and with shame. I know the flesh is weak, that we are linked with the lust of sin, environed by the lechery of temptation, but with me, the spirit will be willing and I shall hereafter walk plainly in the pleasant furrow of rectitude and righteousness and never more will I be accused of horse racing—where the race is jobbed."

machinery, including an electric hoist and a larger pump, was installed, the output has been increased and the mill is saving the values as closely as any in the district.

Benjamin Trasher, who has just returned to Spokane from the Marmousette mine, located 100 miles south of Eddy, Mont., says shipping will begin as soon as the wagon road is completed, adding: "We have been actively engaged for two years in the development of the property and have just completed 210 feet in the lower tunnel and the upper tunnel is 60 feet. This vein is 5 1-2 feet wide, continuing for 2,000 feet on the surface. This ore carries six inches of pure galena, while the ore in the lower tunnel shows nine inches. Assay values run as high as \$80 in lead and silver. Another 100 feet added to the lower tunnel should tap the ore shoot exposed in the upper workings at a depth of 500 feet."

Abidin Mining company, operating a lead and zinc property east of Northport, Wash., where it has expended \$40,000 in improvements, elected these officers at its third annual meeting: President, P. R. Swanson; Secretary, C. A. Magney; trustees, J. C. Zintlies, J. A. Sulevan, Fred Eversdwin, J. L. Magne and Harris Baldwin. The property is equipped with a 50-ton concentrating plant, sawmill and a long flume for water power, which has over 100 feet head fall at the mill. During the test of the machinery last fall a carload of lead concentrates were run out, which is now sacked and ready to be shipped. Remarkable showings made on the Jack Waite property, in the Murray district in the Coeur d'Alenes, continues as development work progresses and the outlook is promising. From the start of the tunnel the work has been in ore. The tunnel, which will be more than 1,000 feet in length, is now in 100 feet, disclosing rich galena. As no crosscutting has been done, the width of the ledge has not been determined. After another 100 feet is done, crosscutting will be started. The tunnel will give a depth of 750 feet. High-grade shipping galena ore crops to the sur-

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Enter the Social World



In Center, New Chinese Minister's Wife, Mrs. Chang Yim Tang, and Her Two Charming Daughters.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Accompanied by 50 attaches, secretaries and students and carrying with them 450 trunks, the family of the new Chinese minister has taken possession of social Washington. Mrs. Chang Yim Tang, wife of China's latest diplomat, the successor of Wu Ting Fang, clad in her Oriental silks, makes a striking appearance at the embassy. She is rather slight in stature, but possesses a keen, bright, laughing eye. Her two daughters, just in their teens, speak

English fluently and usually dress in the latest European styles. The picture, however, happily shows them in their native costume. Accompanying the new minister, among others who are to study in America, were the three daughters of the special Chinese envoy, Tang Shao Yi, who visited Washington last winter. Altogether the Chinese legation is a most happy family and the receptions there this winter are sure to be popular and well attended.

face and can be traced by the outcrop for several thousand feet. From this it seems the deposit will prove to be practically inexhaustible. The Jack Waite was recently purchased by the Paddy Burke interests, the new company starting the tunnel as soon as some improvements were made.

With the resumption of work on the Morning Glory mine, in Republic camp, in eastern Washington, another old-time producer joins the list of working mines. The mines now working are the Republic, Southern Republic or Old Princess Maude, the Ben Hur, the Quip lease, the San Poll, the Lone Pine lease and the Tom Thumb. Gradually the camp, which has been famous as a gold producer, is being brought back to its old-time importance. The work of restoration began eight months ago and since that time the camp has sent out ore of a gross value of about \$250,000, over a third of which has gone from the New Republic. While only a few months have elapsed since the resumption of work in the camp, the record in ore production, considering the fact that the mines were in bad shape underground,

eral new shippers not only in the Coeur d'Alenes, but also in other parts of the country. On the whole the outlook is bright.

With the contest for lower rates to the smelter points settled satisfactorily and with good prospects for a general advance in copper, D. W. Greenough, manager of the Snowstorm Mining company, says that the earning power of the company should be increased materially during 1910. He said:

"Though it is impossible for anyone to tell what the copper market will do I believe it will rise. Many companies, the cost of production of which is greater than ours, have been working for the last year too near the actual cost of production."

"We have been clearing about \$25,000 a month with copper at 13 cents. An advance or a decline of 1 cent will mean a gain or a loss of \$10,000 in our net profits each month. If copper should rise to 15 cents we would be able to double our present dividends."

In a letter to stockholders the company announced the following reduction in freight rates: To Utah common points, \$5, a reduction of \$1 a ton; to Kenneth and Coram, Cal., \$5, a reduction of \$2 a ton; to Ladysmith, B. C., \$4, a reduction of \$2 a ton; to Tacoma, Wash., \$2, a reduction of \$1 a ton. These reductions come as a result of a campaign decided upon at the last annual meeting of the stockholders in July, when the directors and manager were authorized to use such means as might be necessary in bringing about a reduction in the schedule which was held to be unjust. The management at that time was given power to shut the mine down if necessary in order to gain its point. This radical step was not found necessary.

"These changes," said Mr. Greenough, "will aid materially in increasing the net earnings and eventually should lead to a larger output, not to mention the fact that it will enable us to mine lower grade ores, thus increasing the life of the mine."

Coeur d'Alene Consolidated Mining & Milling company of Spokane, operating near Osburn, in the Coeur d'Alene district, elected these officers at its annual meeting: Louis Eridius, president; E. M. Cornelius, vice president; C. J. Johnson, secretary; Charles Williams, treasurer. These officials, together with C. W. Parks, constitute the board of trustees.

The report of the treasurer shows the company to be in excellent financial condition, having plenty of funds for the prosecution of extensive development work, which is to be resumed at once after a shutdown occasioned by the severe cold weather. The property, which is known as the old Wisconsin group, has been developed by a shaft and about 900 feet of tunnel. Good showings have been made and considerable ore shipped from the property. Ample power for the compressors used in the development work is furnished by a plant owned and operated by the company.

C. E. Mitchell company, a local mine promoting concern, has gone into the hands of a receiver, Judge J. D. Hinkle of the Spokane county superior court appointing C. D. St. Morris, an attorney, to take charge of the property of the company and wind up its affairs. This is the culmination of a suit for

\$400 brought by James Milne on a \$500 note issued by the mining company on September 29, 1908. Judgment was rendered for the amount and interest, but it was found impossible to levy upon any of the property of the Mitchell company, even the office furniture being mortgaged. The management figured in promoting properties until recently, 14 companies being handled from the spacious and well appointed offices in the Columbia block. Mitchell was investigated by the federal authorities some time ago on the charge of defrauding the public through the United States mails, but he cleared himself. Mitchell has not been identified with the Spokane mining exchange. E. Homer Grasty, Jr., a member of the company, is named as one of the defendants.

LIMITED PASSENGER REPORTED WRECKED

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 1.—The Big Four Knickerbocker limited, eastbound, was wrecked at Dawn, Ohio, near Ansonia, at 11:40 o'clock tonight, according to a telephone report reaching here. The train struck a defective switch, left the track and plunged through a store. The engineer and fireman were said to be badly injured.

GIFT IS RECEIVED.

Washington, Jan. 1.—From the central west has come a notice of a gift of \$50,000, which a philanthropist proposes to bestow on the American university, the educational seat of the Methodist Episcopal church in this city. The name of the benefactor has been withheld for the present, but the university authorities promise an announcement of its purpose later.

FLOOD SWEEPS CITY.

Phillipopolis, Bulgaria, Jan. 1.—Eastern Romania has been swept by the most disastrous flood in 50 years. The whole plain resembles a vast lake. Many are reported drowned and the losses in crops and livestock will be very heavy. Soldiers in pontoons are rescuing the people cut off by the rising waters. The lower quarters of Phillipopolis have been under water since yesterday.

MOST SEVERE FLOODS.

Pueblo, Col., Jan. 1.—The worst winter floods in 25 years are occurring along the Arkansas river east of Pueblo. The floods are caused by the breaking up of ice gorges and the settling of the heavy snows of the last few weeks. Twelve miles east the river has divided into four or five distinct streams and is flowing over a large area.

GRANTED A DIVORCE.

Boilder, Colo., Jan. 1.—Jessamine Harte Steele, daughter of Bret Harte, was today granted a divorce from Henry Milford Steele, formerly prominent in Denver financial circles. Mrs. Steele was also granted the right to assume her maiden name.