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to our many patrons and friends that our spring purchases are all at hand. In jewelry we have the finest productions—and one of the finest displays we ever made of them—in both ladies' and gentlemen's jewelry. All the distinctive, new designs. In silversware, cut glass, etc., we have the most graceful and beautiful offerings to be seen. All stocks moderately priced and of high quality.



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TRANSIT GLORIA

Four weeks ago we laughed in scorn to see the groundhog flee—he saw his shadow on the ground and then 'twas twenty-three; we thought he was a chump, indeed, because he didn't stay; we reveled in the sunshine bright that followed Groundhog day; we gathered brilliant buttercups blossomed on the hills; we listened to the robin as he trilled his springtime trills; we saw the first depart the ground, we waded deep in mud; we read of saraparilla and springtime dope for blood; we talked of Easter fashions and counted up our cash; we planned on buying bonnets to cut a springtime dash; we studied seedsmen's catalogs to see what we would buy; we counted February as not far from July; we got last summer's oxfords out to see if they would do; we thought the weather warm enough to shed the old high shoe; we sought the porous underwear we laid away last fall; we thought 'twas time to don it when we heard the bluebird's call; we called for young green onions and radishes and such; we thought we'd broken clear away from winter's chilly clutch; we frisked about till Tuesday night and then our hearts did sink; a Helena zephyr hit us—and we thought another think.

"What do you have to do in order to become a member of the Roosevelt club?" This was a question frequently heard on the streets yesterday. One man, prominent in city and state politics, spent some time in looking for the roll. Every place he called the roll had just moved on and he immediately departed after it. However, he stopped long enough in every office and shop to proclaim the fact that he thought Theodore and his policies were the thing and that he was going to be in the fight from the start. In the afternoon he located the roll and expressed himself as perfectly satisfied. "The way that list of names is growing," said he, "makes me glad that I ran down the petition as soon as I did. Of course, preparations will be made to handle all of the men that enroll under the Roosevelt banner, but then by getting in early I am sure of being in the forefront. I understand that the executive committee of the club is going to put more copies of the membership roll around town and they will surely be needed. I have seen a number of people who wanted to enroll in the fight, but were unable to locate a list to which they might affix their names."

TEDDY IS GAINING

Mayor N. J. Blake of Plains spent yesterday in town. He came up from the other side of Paradise on a business trip, but he spent most of his time looking for a place where he could be warm. He reached here from the west just as the wind came down Hell Gate canyon from the east, Tuesday night. The collision produced a discouraging effect upon the Mayor of Sunshine Land, but he endured it. He has seen a good many storms and they don't dismay him; this one caught him off his guard and had him going just for a minute. "We have had great weather all the month," said Mr. Blake to the Man About Town yesterday. "The season is well advanced with us and we have been planning on an early spring. I don't know whether or not the breeze reached as far west as Plains, but if it did, there were some scared folks there for a few minutes. Plains is moving along well. There is a good business outlook and the people are happy. There is a good movement toward the reservation country and the indications are that there will be a lively season with us."

BLAKE IS CHILLED

It is expected that there will be a delegation of Great Falls business men here this week for the purpose of sizing up the results of the operation of the commission form of government in Missoula. Over in Great Falls they have been watching with a good deal of interest the progress of the system in Missoula; when a Missoula man visits there, he has a lot of questions to answer. There are some newspaper men who want to see for themselves the way the commission works and there are some of the principal business men of the city who wish to study conditions from their own point of view. No date has been announced for the coming of the visitors, but the informal announcement of the excursion has been received. The visitors, of course, will be cordially welcomed. "We will be more than glad to see these folks," said a business man yesterday. "Great Falls has set an example to other Montana cities in many ways and if there is anything in which we can reciprocate, we are mighty glad to be able to do it. I think we can give them some information regarding the commission government that will do them good."

TO LOOK US OVER

I. M. Robertson and wife returned to Missoula yesterday morning on the wings of the blizzard. At least, to hear Mr. Robertson tell about the weather he encountered in Des Moines, Iowa, where he visited, would make one think he was returned by the wind. Mr. Robertson made the trip to Des Moines for the purpose of attending the convention of the Des Moines Life company for which he is the agent. At Sheridan, Mont., Mr. Robertson was met by a telegram which announced the sudden death of his father. The weather through Iowa was so bad that it was impossible to get a horse out to the farm on which Mr. Robertson lived and it was necessary to make the trip in bobbeds. He is back now, however, and is glad to be in a place where it is possible to live without tunneling through a snowdrift every morning.

G. A. R. Card Party.

The ladies of the G. A. R. will give a card party tonight in I. O. O. F. annex. Prizes and refreshments. Admission 25 cents.

For Your Protection

We employ every possible method for insuring accurate prescription dispensing, and there is practically no chance of an error here. All of our prescription clerks are graduates of a college of pharmacy, are registered in Montana by having been examined by the state board of pharmacy, and have had years of experience. Physicians have full confidence in us and that is why they are always glad to see our label on their patients' medicines. That label stands for purity of ingredients, standard potency and scientific compounding. Try our excellent service when you need medicine. Telephone No. 16—that's us. We deliver free to any part of the city.

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CLIFTON & APPLIGATE WILL SHIP MACHINERY

Yesterday Clifton & Applegate, contractors, who are to build the Georgetown extension of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad, commenced to load the grading machinery which has been used in the construction of the Big Blackfoot railway and will ship it at once to Anaconda from where it will be moved to camps already established along the new route. The machinery is being loaded at Bonner and it will probably take a day or two to get everything on board the cars and ready for transportation.

ENCOURAGING WORK BY PHILHARMONIC

The attendance and interest at the last rehearsal of the Philharmonic society was very encouraging to Director Gustav Fischer and all others anxious to see the organization advance. Practically all of the members were present and the practice went with a vim throughout. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presence of Professor Amundson of Hamilton, a former director and leader of the Hamilton Philharmonic club. Mr. Amundson sang several numbers which were much enjoyed by the local club. Best of all the visitor promised to assist the club here in its next public concert, the date for which will be announced in the near future.

KING PHAROAH WILL TRADE AT SCHLOSSBERG'S THIS MORNING

Between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock the wonderful trained horse, King Pharaoh, will do his trading at the ever progressive Schlossberg's store. He will go from counter to counter, pecking out the things that take his fancy, and doing many other wonderful things, such as inspecting the new spring styles in women's ready-to-wear. But you should go see him, as it's impossible to describe the wonderful doings of this most wonderful horse in the world. After he's made his tour of inspection through the store he will be on exhibition in one of the Higgins avenue windows. A free ticket will be given at the store with every cash purchase of \$1 which will admit you to the Isis theater, where you will be able to see this wonderful horse in all his many feature acts. He will make Schlossberg's his shopping place during his stay in Missoula.

JUDGMENTS.

Yesterday in the district court the First National bank secured judgment against H. R. Kern and F. P. Kern for \$598.25, with attorney fees of \$59.82 and costs of \$9.90. The defendants defaulted.

Masked Party.

Mrs. Shoemaker's section of the Baptist Aid will have a masquerade party at the home of Mrs. George Pew, 601 Stephens avenue, Friday, March 1. Everybody invited. Refreshments, 25 cents.

Barber & Marshall

500 South Higgins Avenue
Bell Phone 20. Ind. Phone 420.

Lenten Fare

"PILOT" SALMON, Can 20c
A tall pound can of choice Alaska salmon that is regularly 25c.
"RED CLOVER" SALMON, Can 25c
Special price on this pound can of fancy red salmon in a flat tin. Regular price 30c.
MACKEREL, 2 FOR 25c
Fino Norway mackerel; new catch; white and fat.
"C. P." CALIFORNIA SARDINES, Can 25c
A half-pound tin with small fish in pure olive oil. A big buy for the money.
"ROYALS" FRENCH SARDINES, Can 25c
A la Bordelaise in tomato sauce.
A la Vatel in finest oil.

CONNORS ON STAND IN ARSON TRIAL

TESTIMONY IN CASE AGAINST J. L. CHEVIGNY INTRODUCED BY THE STATE.

The second day of the trial of J. L. Chevigny on a charge of arson saw the jury secured and the introduction of the state's most important witness, H. L. Connors, better known as "Bert" Connors. The only other witness in the box yesterday was Fire Chief A. K. Fox of the Missoula department. He testified to the fire which destroyed the three-story rooming house at 317 West Spruce street, to the finding of coal-oil cans in the building, and gave it as his opinion that the fire was due to oil.

Then came Connors. He explained his relations with the defendant, of whom he rented a ranch near Florence, in the Bitter Root valley. He said that one day, as he was going with Chevigny to the latter's house for dinner, they passed the rooming house on West Spruce. This house, Chevigny had traded to Rube Holden on a deal involving the ranch occupied by Connors. The witness said that Chevigny said that he wished the building would "burn down," as he held an escrow deed on it and the insurance was all in his name. Also, he said that he did not believe Holden could pay the mortgage. "I said," he said, "I'd like to burn it." Connors went on: "I told him that I didn't do that kind of work and we went on," said the witness, "and he said that his idea of the thing was to cut the telephone wires and saturate the halls with kerosene. 'How about the people in it?' I asked, and he said, 'Oh, let them get out the best way they can. You sleep too soundly to think of it.' 'No, I don't,' I answered."

Connors went on to state that Chevigny came to the ranch and said, concerning the same building, "I won't do it, but it's going, anyway." The two oilcans found in the building, blackened by fire and without the covering that such cans sometimes have, were shown the witness, but he could not identify them positively, although he said that Chevigny had taken a two-gallon can from the ranch. The can that Chevigny took, he said, had been dented by a pinch-pot, but he would not swear that the dent was on the side of the two-gallon can found in the rooming house, was the same impression, saying that the can had a broken jacket when it was taken.

Next, the witness told of a meeting with Chevigny in what he called a "waste" room off the lobby of the Missoula hotel. This was a day or so after the fire. He told of a note on which he caught Chevigny \$150 and that the latter said, "My heart is clear and my conscience is clear, Mr. Connors; I didn't do it." Then, Connors went on, the defendant offered to cancel the note, "if I'd keep quiet." I told him I couldn't accept it and he said: "The man who gives me away on this hadn't better sleep too soundly to think of it." Speaking of another meeting in the hotel, the witness said: "He told me that he'd mark the note paid if I'd swear that he got a one-gallon can at the ranch instead of a two-gallon can. He cried and begged."

The witness ended his direct testimony by telling of his paying the note, which after various credits and debits had been adjudged, he said, amounted to \$124.20. "I gave him \$124.25, but he didn't have a nickel and said he'd buy the cigars."

Connors told his story in a straightforward, assured manner and was not shaken in cross-examination. He told of reading of the fire in the October 25 edition of "The Missoulian," saying that this was his first word of it. The fire broke out about 2:30 on the morning of the 25th. He is now on a homestead in Lincoln county.

MEETING WITH SUCCESS.

Mr. G. Bukow, who recently opened up a store in the basement of the Hammond block with a complete line of Never Fail razor stropers, is meeting with rapid success in the retail field. The razor stropers will last a lifetime without repairs. They are made of strong material with perfect adjustment—roller bearing throughout—cannot wear out—and should any piece or part break at any time the company will replace free of charge a complete machine. That is the strongest way Mr. Bukow knows of saying and proving that the Never Fail is a permanent, efficient machine in every part and detail.

BURIAL YESTERDAY.

The body of Albert B. Stone arrived yesterday at 1 o'clock from Fort Lincoln, N. D., where the sudden death of the young man occurred last Saturday night. It was taken directly to the Missoula cemetery, where a brief service was held, Harold Griffin, pastor of the Christian church, officiating. The pallbearers were friends who had known Mr. Stone during his year's residence in Missoula.

RHOADES IS FIRST.

James M. Rhoades filed his petition as a candidate for mayor with the city clerk yesterday. He had 40 signatures, more than is needed. Mr. Rhoades' petition is the first to be filed.

Our Third Annual Clearance Sale OF USED PIANOS' Is a Piano Sale That Calls for Immediate Action



Of course you want to save money—we all do. But not at the expense of the children's education—not if we have to eliminate light and gayety and friendship and music and all the good things that make life worth living! But now the last objection is swept aside by the remarkably easy terms that are quoted on these used pianos. You can get a splendid instrument at a big saving right now, and pay for it in little trifles of six dollars every month. The list of sale pianos includes many of the leading makes, such as

- \$275 Buys a Used \$375 H. M. Cable Piano
- \$190 Buys a Used \$350 Oakland Piano
- \$220 Buys a \$325 Oakland Piano
- \$175 Buys a Used \$375 Schiller Piano
- Bargain on an 88 Note Player Piano
- \$325 Buys a Used \$700 Steinway Piano
- \$325 Buys a Used \$400 Kurtzmann Piano

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PERKINS UNDER ARREST ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

Allen Perkins, a well-known young man of Missoula, was arrested yesterday by the police upon complaint made by Mrs. Lizzie Shelly, who alleges that the man entered her apartments and stole \$1,600 in cash which she had concealed there. Mrs. Shelly is a tenant of Perkins in the rooming house which he conducts on East Front street. Mrs. Shelly and the accused were both examined before County Attorney Mulroney last evening and as a result a complaint against Perkins will probably be filed today.

LOCAL SOCIETY

- Humane Society Meeting.** There will be a meeting of the Humane society tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in County Auditor W. J. Babington's office at the courthouse.
- Presbyterian Ladies Meet.** Mrs. J. W. Beebe, Mrs. E. E. Harriott and Mrs. E. A. Roberts will be hostesses for the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church at the regular meeting in the church parlors this afternoon. Members and friends of the society are cordially invited.
- The Lend-a-Hand Society.** Mrs. Avery's section of the Lend-a-Hand society will entertain all other members and friends of the organization this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the parlors of the Methodist church.
- The Pythian Sisters.** There will be a meeting of the Pythian sisters at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. Reid, 526 East Front street.
- Ladies of the G. A. R.** The Ladies of the G. A. R. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in I. O. O. F. hall annex.
- For Mrs. Woodworth.** Mrs. W. H. Reid entertained yesterday afternoon at her home on East Front street in compliment to Mrs. Will Woodworth of Spokane, who is visiting her numerous friends in this, the home of her girlhood. The guests visited over their needlework and enjoyed the dainty lunch served them by Mrs. Reid. Those present were Mesdames Tylar B. Thompson, Edward Mitchell, Clara Lawyer, Joseph Dean, Will Cave, Alex. Peterson, F. M. Ingalls, E. P. Trump, Ida Woodson, Fred Zeb, J. L. James and Miss Osa Sloane, the guest of honor and the hostess.
- A Birthday Surprise.** Miss Mabel Jones was happily surprised last evening at her home on South Sixth street by 22 of her friends, young men and women, who assembled to do honor to her birthday. Gifts were brought and refreshments in abundance by the self-appointed guests.

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Dissolution Notice.
The co-partnership heretofore existing between Fred C. Stoddard and John M. Price under the firm name of Stoddard & Price, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the late firm can be settled with either of the undersigned.
FRED C. STODDARD.
JOHN M. PRICE.
This 24th day of February, 1912, Missoula, Mont.