

MASONS OF PLAINS ELECT OFFICERS

MRS. BOWMAN OF EASTERN STAR PRESENTED WITH PAST MATRON'S JEWEL.

Plains, Dec. 14.—(Special)—At the regular meeting of Ideal chapter No. 40, Eastern Star, Mrs. B. F. Bowman, a past worthy matron, was presented with a handsome gold jewel of that office. The presentation speech was a happy one, delivered by C. J. Dougherty, worthy patron. The recipient was greatly surprised, but replied that she would wear and cherish the emblem that would always be a reminder of happy times in the lodgeroom. The annual election of officers was then held and Mrs. Clifford Rittenour was chosen worthy matron; C. J. Dougherty, worthy patron; Mrs. L. R. Blaisdell, associate matron; Mrs. Gertrude Benedict, secretary; Mrs. A. O. Dilline, treasurer; Mrs. H. J. Morrison, conductress; Mrs. Robert Scarlett, associate conductress. The worthy matron-elect has appointed the following staff points: Adah, Mrs. Fred Dudley; Ruth, Mrs. C. S. Robinson; Esther, Mrs. C. A. Russell; Martha, Mrs. Ed Cherrington; Electa, Mrs. George Larsen. The other appointees are: Warden, Mrs. W. H. Shipley; sentinel, Mrs. J. B. Krueger; chaplain, Mrs. A. H. Brown; organist, Mrs. B. E. Bowman. The Masons held their election for officers for the ensuing term Wednesday evening. They are: A. O. Dilline, worshipful master; C. J. Morrison, senior warden; H. A. Russell, junior warden; W. H. Shipley, secretary; C. H. Rittenour, treasurer. The appointive officers will be named next Tuesday night when the Masons and Eastern Star will hold a joint installation. Following the ceremonies, a banquet will be held in the lodgeroom.

HAMILTON FIREMEN ARE PLEASED

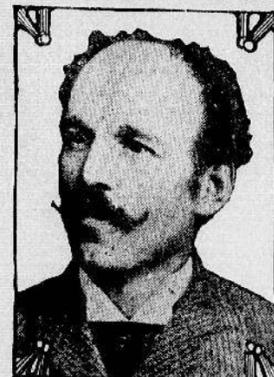
PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUSINESS MEN HAVE COME TO RESCUE HANDSOMELY.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—(Special)—The Hamilton fire department is new on a firm financial basis, the agitation in its interests having resulted in replenishing its coffers so that the new year will be started with a neat balance of something over \$300. This fund will fill all the requirements of the department for the coming year. The committee appointed by the chamber of commerce met with splendid success in soliciting funds, more than \$280 being secured. Of this amount a little over \$100 remains to be collected. The total receipts of the department amount to \$476.85, but as 20 per cent of this must go into the firemen's relief fund, and \$72 to the secretary for back salary, this amount is considerably lessened. The members of the department are much pleased over the attitude taken by the property owners of the city in coming to their support so handsomely.

CADETS AT ANNAPOLIS PERMITTED TO RESIGN

Annapolis, Dec. 14.—The four midshipmen whose dismissal was recommended by Superintendent Gibbons of the naval academy because they mistreated a classmate, were allowed to resign by the secretary of the navy. They are William Saunders of South Carolina; John Reed of Kentucky; Earl Warner of Pennsylvania, and Robert C. Neville of Missouri. The resignations were forwarded and accepted and the four young men left the academy this afternoon.

"Worked Like a Miracle on Stomach and Nerves"



MR. MARTIN WOHLSHIES

Before Mr. M. Wohlshies started using Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey his stomach was all out of order and his nerves shattered, troubles that were quickly checked. "For two years I suffered from my stomach and nervous trouble. My digestive organs were all out of order, and all that I spent for relief was thrown away. I read about Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, tried it, taking four doses a day, and, like a miracle, within a very short time my ailments disappeared. My nerves are now quiet, and my stomach can retain all food, and I am again in good condition. I recommend it to every sick person."—Martin Wohlshies, Neslamery P. O., Bucks County, Pa.

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PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL HAS MEETING

LITERARY SOCIETY RENDERS INTERESTING PROGRAM—OTHER NEWS ITEMS.

Plains, Dec. 14.—(Special)—The literary society of the Plains high school held an interesting meeting Friday afternoon in the auditorium. Frank Matthews, the newly-elected president, presided, and Malcolm Stanton was chosen secretary. The following program was given: Piano solo, Fern Pratt; quartet, Lou Stout, Golda Whalley, Ada Baker, Elven Wagner; select reading, Blanch Blinneyer; poem, Ed ward Hester; biography of William Cullen Bryant, Fred Baker; humorous story, Elsie Dorris; dialogue, Victor Larsen; Leavey Kenney; Dottie Lottrell; song by society, and criticisms by Miss Marie Hurtgen. Ruth Pratt was piano accompanist.

Rev. H. S. Gately of Missoula held Episcopal services here Wednesday night, at Falls, Thursday, and at Thompson Falls Friday night.

Jack Robinson of Knowles has been here this week putting the finishing touches on the interior of the remodelled Pendergrass hotel.

Friday evening about 100 people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shepard and enjoyed a "night cap" social. Partners were selected for refreshments by the style of the night caps. The girls' class of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school gave the affair.

Missoula visitors in town Monday were Paul Whitelaw, E. D. Gantt and E. T. Sterling.

D. D. Fowler of Missoula was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Alexander, who was ill, has so far recovered that she was able to move to town from the ranch. The family occupy the Hugh Stevens residence.

Thomas Pendergrass is in Missoula attending to legal matters before the district court.

C. C. Willis, the real estate dealer, has returned from a business trip to Missoula and Butte.

ALBERTON

Alberton, Dec. 14.—(Special)—After a sojourn of several months at Pasco, Earl Husabee has returned to Alberton, and expects to resume his position with the Puget Sound.

Mrs. J. S. MacArthur was a Missoula shopper on Wednesday.

The new I. O. O. F. lodge will give a ball on December 24 in the opera house here.

R. E. Keenan is now in work-train service at Deer Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest LeCasse are now settled in their new home in East Alberton.

Taylor Evers is in charge of the light switch engine in Alberton yards.

Mrs. T. G. McAndrews was hostess to the E. T. club on Wednesday.

Mrs. LeCasse has returned to her home in Superior, after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Fred Horning.

George McKay has resigned from passenger service and is again firing freight on the west end of the division.

E. L. Markham and family will leave soon to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Wisconsin.

Conductor Dayvorn departed on Friday for North Dakota and Wisconsin points. He has rented a house at Deer Lodge and will bring his family from the east to reside there.

Harry Vandercook and wife will eat Christmas turkey with Mr. Vandercook's parents in Iowa.

W. J. Gentry of Lohran is erecting a new residence and postoffice building on Main street in this city.

NEW JAP PREMIER.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—Prince Taro Katsura, it is confidently believed, will undertake the formation of a new Japanese cabinet to take the place of the salojini ministry, which recently resigned. An official announcement of the names of the new ministers is expected to be made next week.

MRS. LAW REVIEWS HER WORK

RETIRING RAVALLI COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Mrs. Minnie Bailey-Law on Jan. 6, 1913, steps out as county superintendent of schools, her successor, Miss Nora Smith, assuming the duties of the office. Mrs. Law has had for two years' incumbency in the office an interesting period in the development and growth of the schools of the county. Her work has been pleasant and she leaves the office well satisfied with her associations with school officers and teachers. Mrs. Law has given the schools her careful supervision and her efforts have resulted in much that is good. In speaking yesterday of her work as superintendent of the county's schools she made the following statement which she submits to the taxpayers and school patrons of the county.

"During my campaign in 1910 for the office of county superintendent of schools I stated, both publicly and privately, that, if elected, I would be a servant of the people. I have sought in an earnest manner to fulfill that promise, and desire to render a brief report of my stewardship.

"I promised economy in the administration of the office. True economy is not measured by the money spent; it is rather measured by the returns for the money expended—the results achieved. During the first year of my term I owned a horse and buggy, so visited schools with little expense to the county. During that year I visited something like 3,000 miles in visiting schools. I made it a practice to visit as many schools as possible on one trip and during the past year have visited as many as five schools under one expense.

"I also promised to work for a higher standard in the schools. I found most of the rural schools with poor and insufficient equipment. They were far behind the town schools in equipment, in aims and results attained. A large number of seventh and eighth-grade pupils were not making good at the state examinations. The patrons wondered at this. In some instances I found that this difficulty was largely due to inactive boards, while in other cases indifferent patrons could be directed to better results.

"I began a campaign to remedy these evils. When planning a visit to a school I sent letters to the trustees and clerk requesting them to meet me at the schoolhouse at a specified time. Thus we were able to observe the work of teacher and pupils, and I took occasion to point out where the teacher was handicapped in her work by a lack of equipment. In a meeting following the dismissal of the pupils these matters were talked over. In many instances new equipment was ordered by the board at that time. When trustees failed to respond to my request to meet at the schoolhouse I forwarded them a written report, pointing out conditions as I found them and adding suggestions, when I returned to my office. Most of these reports brought the desired results. I found that school board members were quick to respond when the needs of the pupils were forcibly brought to their attention.

"In all instances I urged boards to pay reasonable and in many cases better salaries, and to employ experienced or normal-trained teachers. At the present time, of the 85 teachers employed, 69 are possessed of normal, college or university training, and of the remaining 25, all have had experience by three. One of the results of this training is an appreciable falling off in the failures in the rural schools.

"While this work was going on I was laying plans to give the rural pupils all the advantages of the city pupils through consolidation. I found districts with from 12 to 20 pupils and perhaps being maintained for but five or six months. In these schools the work was invariably dragging and uninteresting for teacher and pupils alike. The work lacked enthusiasm and competition. In other places were found over-crowded rooms where one teacher was bravely trying to conduct classes in every grade. It was impossible to do justice to herself or pupils. The work could not be thorough.

"My thought was, 'Why not combine several of these smaller districts and have a school with several teachers which could be conducted at less expense than the original schools?' Such a plan would admit of more careful grading and a proper division of work. The teachers would be enabled to do better work, the classes being of sufficient size to arouse interest and furnish competition.

"In March, 1911, I arranged for a meeting of all the patrons in district No. 32, at their schoolhouse, to discuss the plan of proposed consolidation. The patrons were dissatisfied with conditions and it was decided to effect consolidation if possible and feasible. A committee was appointed to investigate conditions. It was found that the cost of transportation would be greater than the assessed valuation of the concerned territory would warrant, owing to the fact that the topography of the country would require three wagons. However, the agitation resulted in a new brick schoolhouse, the employment of two normal-trained teachers with one doing excellent work.

"Consolidation was also taken up at Florence, Holden and Elgin, Minn., where Principal Sharp of Stevensville graciously assisted me. No consolidation resulted, partially because our state laws do not suggest a plan for procedure, and partially because some of the taxpayers thought consolidation an experiment. In reality, we were trying to put into practice that which has been tested and tried in thousands of progressive districts.

"Consolidation was not feasible in the Eight Mile district. The agitation did result in the enlargement of the Florence district without opposition and the employment of three trained teachers. The Florence district saw a large number of pupils to the state eighth-grade examinations last spring without a single failure.

"About the same time I conducted a consolidation meeting at Darby, proposing the union of the Darby, Como and Conner districts. Darby and Conner were interested in the project, but Como thwarted the work by failing to appear with a petition. President Hamilton and Principal Holst assisted me. In this work, the two meeting the patrons of the Como districts. From this time on Principal Holst was a great factor in the consolidation work and was instrumental in developing such conditions as brought about consolidation at Victor. In every district in which work along this line was done marked results are noticeable.

"In each of five of these districts an extra teacher has been added to the corps. Thus it is seen that, while consolidation has been effected in but one locality, much good has resulted from the campaign. Patrons of the rural schools are no longer content with the conditions which existed during the past years and are determined that their children shall have the best advantages that modern times afford. They realize that consolidation is the opportunity of the day. Many who were opposed to the plan, now favor it. The work done here has the hearty endorsement of State Superintendent W. E. Harmon, who in a recent letter to this office, stated: 'You have done a pioneer's work in Ravalli county which I hope will go on throughout the county.'

"The above results show that progress has been made in county educational matters. It further shows that the superintendent of schools, incumbent, true to her promise, has been a servant of the people. In rendering my decisions in official matters I have acted without fear or favor, always following my best judgment and the law as I interpreted it. Evidence of this is found in the fact that in the four appeals made from my decisions no one has been reversed by the board of commissioners. One appeal was made from the action of the examining board, of which I am chairman, to the state superintendent, and that official sustained the board.

"In retiring from office I leave my best wishes for the best education in the county and the continued progress of the schools.

"MINNIE BAILEY-LAW, Superintendent of Ravalli County Schools."

SOME FREE SMOKES ARE ENJOYED

JOHN M'LAUGHLIN GETS CIGARS INADVERTENTLY DONATED BY W. B. M'LAUGHLIN.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Certain individuals at Stevensville are having a lot of fun among themselves at the expense of W. B. McLaughlin, the Bull Moose chief of this city. The joke has migrated up the valley, with the result that a large number of Mac's numerous friends here are chuckling to themselves, although Mac acts innocent of any connection with the affair. Mac is the manufacturer of the Greater Bitter Root and Eivalo cigars, and has been doing a jobbing business among the cigar merchants of the valley. He recently impressed the worth of his cigars on 'Gene' Cottrill of Stevensville, who told Mac to deliver two boxes of the greater Bitter Root brand the next time he visited Stevensville. Mac happened in Stevensville soon after and called at Cottrill's place of business with the cigars, as per order. Cottrill was out at the time, but Mac left the smokes with the man in charge of the place, telling him to tell Cottrill that Mac had left them. Now, the man in charge of the place knew of only one McLaughlin, namely, John McLaughlin, the blacksmith orator of Stevensville. He hadn't paid much attention to Billy Mac's instructions concerning the weeds, so inferred that he had said that the cigars were for McLaughlin. He immediately notified the other blacksmith that someone had left two boxes of cigars there for him. John called at the place and took the cigars over to his blacksmith shop, wondering who had slipped him all those expensive smokes. He opened up the boxes and handed out a smoke with every horseshoe that he nailed in place.

A few days ago Billy Mac blew into Stevensville to do a little cigar selling and, incidentally, a little collecting. He found Cottrill at home this time and by way of introduction to his main lecture, asked him how he liked the cigars.

"What cigars?" asked Cottrill.

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TILSBURY TO APPEAL HIS CASE

ALLEGES IRREGULARITIES AND SAYS HE WAS NOT GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Although his case has been before the district court twice without satisfactory results to him, George H. Tilsbury, through his attorneys, J. D. Taylor, C. S. Wagner and G. C. Arnest, has filed notice in the district court that he will make a motion for a new trial. The new trial is sought on the following grounds: "Misconduct of the jury, insufficient evidence to justify the verdict rendered, and that the verdict is against the law, irregularities in proceedings of the court and jury and abuse of discretion by which plaintiff was prevented from having a fair trial, and errors in law occurring at trial and excepted to by the plaintiff." The notice also declares the motion will be based upon the minutes of the trial and upon affidavits which will be filed in due time.

Tilsbury's case has been before a jury twice. At the first trial the jury disagreed. The second jury, on December 2, 1912, gave a verdict to the plaintiff for \$1, the court instructions calling for a verdict for the plaintiff, even if for a nominal sum. Tilsbury brought suit for \$10,500. He alleged in his complaint that he received injurious results from the defendant, the Bitter Root Valley Irrigation company, allowed three cars to smash into the engine he was driving for the Anaconda Copper Mining company below Como hill.

CORVALLIS NOTES

Corvallis, Dec. 14.—(Special)—J. J. Williams has been quite ill at his residence north of town.

Corvallis lodge No. 33 elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. G. Lockwood; S. W. Dean Stanley; J. W. J. S. Hopkins; treasurer, Matt Vaughn; secretary, Carl Magral.

Bray Wiley had a narrow escape with his two little boys in a road cart on his way to the Willow Creek school house. The fast trotting horse turned in sharply at Dan Boyer's ranch, overturning the rig. Only the unconscious when picked up, the other had a severe jolt, while Mr. Wiley sustained bruises and a badly scarred face.

Drs. Buchen and Day of Hamilton were in town Saturday morning to examine the mental condition of W. G. Moody. The patient has been ill for some time with paralysis.

The Presbyterian church held an impressive service last Sabbath morning. During the last five months extensive repairs were made upon the building, both within and without. The work was completed without any debt remaining. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. J. H. McJunkin, pastor evangelist. The church is launching out into a larger work including the surrounding country. The office is now one of the finest in the valley.

John Hull made a large sale of cattle at very fine prices.

Joseph Bowden returned Saturday, after a visit to Missoula.

Copies of The Holiday Missoulian may be obtained at The Missoulian office, wrapped for mailing. The price is 10 cents.

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PREPARING FOR WAR.

Honolulu, Dec. 14.—Chinese of this city have begun an active campaign to raise funds for a war, which they declare is impending between their country and Russia. Friends of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who was expected to visit Hawaii in the near future, received word today that his visit would be indefinitely postponed on account of the crisis resulting from the conflict of Chinese and Russian interest in Mongolia.

RONAN'S BIG STORE HAS OPENING

REBUILT FROM ASHES OF AUGUST FIRE, SCARCE ESTABLISHMENT RESUMES.

Ronan, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Nothing less than a splendid tribute to the spirit of confidence and faith in the town and the country which it serves—a spirit that is shared by all other business establishments of the place—was heaping of the big, new Stanley Searce store which took place here today and this evening. The Searce establishment was with the others of Ronan's business district, completely destroyed by the terrible fire which visited Ronan last August. Up from the ashes came the fine, new home which was opened today, the building being of brick, 210 by 80 feet, ground floor, two stories high. The work has been rushed during the last few weeks, and, with the exception of some of the interior furnishings, which were delayed in reaching here in time, everything was in fine shape for the opening today. The big store has seven complete departments and each now contains a fresh and complete line of new goods. The stock was all carefully arranged and displayed to the best advantage today and the store is one of which a much larger place than Ronan might well be proud. The opening was a complete success and was attended by a large crowd, people coming from miles around to share in the feeling of pride which is general in the rebuilding of the town. It is safe to say that Stanley Searce, the proprietor, was the busiest man on the whole reservation today. Besides giving the close attention which the many details of the opening demanded, he was forced to pause in his work to accept the congratulations of hundreds who called during the afternoon and evening.

FOR AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Lever agricultural education extension bill, already passed by the house, was ordered favorably reported today from the senate committee on agriculture. Practically every state agricultural college would be benefited by its terms.

FAMOUS LECTURERS ARE HEARD

AUTHORITIES SPEAK BEFORE FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—(Special)—A week of farmers' institutes throughout the Bitter Root valley came to a close with a largely attended institute here today. Both a forenoon and an afternoon session were held, the meetings being in the audience room of the chamber of commerce building. The meetings were remarkable for the amount of high-class talent in the speaking line. It is seldom that such a large number of nation-wide authorities along their particular lines spend an entire week in one county. The list included S. W. Moore of Gallipolis Ferry, West Virginia, state horticulturist for 25 years, and the author of "Practical Orcharding on Rough Ground," one of the latest and most practical works on orcharding; O. C. Gregg of Lynd, Minn., who has been engaged as director of institutes in Minnesota for 12 years and is noted as an authority on dairying; Alexander Elliot of Galt, Ontario, an institute man of that district and a man of wide experience on all farming questions. These gentlemen were accompanied by A. L. Walrath, a rancher of the Gallatin valley, State Horticulturist M. L. Dean and R. A. Cooley of the state agricultural college.

The morning session opened at 10:30 o'clock with a short talk on dry and irrigated farming by Mr. Walrath. His remarks were along general lines and has to do especially with the grain raising. His talk was supplemented with several questions from his audience, all of which were cheerfully answered so far as his experience would allow.

With a few questions Mr. Moore was able to shape his remarks to answer the needs of those present. He talked along horticultural lines and had not proceeded far before it became evident that he had his subject well in hand, his remarks being delivered in a rapid manner. He first touched on the care of soils, arguing that it was necessary to grow plants in order that other plants might grow. He declared himself as opposed to the orchard that is cultivated perfectly clean. The soil of such an orchard is being robbed of its strength. He advocated the growing of legumes between the rows of trees, but that such plants should be kept away from the trees. Such growth should not be removed from the soil.

He next took up the selection of nursery stock. He declared that one should select his orchard stock the same as he does his horses and cattle. Most growers simply order their trees and take what they get. He cited an instance where the Twin Mountains company of his country sent an expert to Kansas City to select the bushes to be used in clearing 1,200 acres for an orchard and then in an unbusinesslike way simply ordered the trees to be planted on the land. He declared that the poor selection of nursery stock was one of the greatest handicaps to the orchard business.

"Buy your trees as near home as possible; then you can see what you are buying," Mr. Moore advised. "Select a tree with enough good roots to anchor and feed it; don't buy a tree which carries dead wood, as it is a principle," he also advised. He next took up pruning. He declared that a tree which is to be set out should not be pruned until it is to be placed in the ground. He also declared that roots should be pruned with the cut on the bottom of the roots. Mr. Moore is not an advocate of the open center pruning method. He declared that sunlight should be admitted to the center of any tree, which is graded correctly. The lower limbs should be of the greatest length, allowing the center to stand above the longer limbs and in the sunlight. He declared that pruning was an art and a science. No person should start to prune a tree unless he has in mind an ideal tree. All cutting should be directed towards building that ideal tree.

The institute was opened this afternoon with a talk on the horse by Mr. Elliott. He first treated the horse in connection with its important diseases. He next discussed its care and food. His talk was heard with interest.

The afternoon session was closed with a discussion of the dairy cow by Mr. Gregg. He divided all cattle under the heading, meat producers and milk producers. He explained his work in developing his own herd, a labor of 12 years duration. He has a pleasing address and a fund of experience to draw from, so his talk was of great interest. His talk was followed with a demonstration in front of the chamber of commerce. Both Mr. Elliott and Mr. Gregg addressed a meeting here this evening.

BANDIT COMMITS MURDER.

Leadville, Colo., Dec. 14.—An unmasked man held up the operator at the Denver & Rio Grande station in Pardo, 20 miles west of here, tonight, robbed him and two waiting passengers, marched the latter two down the track, shot and killed one and knocked the other unconscious with his revolver. He was captured by a freight crew and locked up in the county jail.

RESERVATION MINES ARE BOOMING

DUNSTAN GROUP NEAR PERMA IS BONDED FOR \$75,000 BY EASTERN MEN.

Plains, Dec. 14.—(Special)—That the Flathead Indian reservation, in the eastern part of Sanders county, contains magnificent possibilities for the mine and mine investor is being demonstrated day by day. The mining industry is in its infancy in that section and dates only from the opening of the reservation. Since that time the new country is being peopled with men who have come from mining sections and they have not been slow to grasp the opportunities presented, realizing that in mineral the reservation would rank in wealth with older sections of the state. Among the first to become interested in that section were Thomas Pendergrass, W. N. Farmer, Bert Daniels, and others. These located what is known as the Dunstan group and development work was started. As a result of the showing made papers were signed today bonding the property to J. W. Ferguson of New York, who represents English capital. The bond runs a year and is for \$75,000. The property was inspected two weeks ago by A. W. Thayer, editor of the Thompson Falls Ledger, and a former Colorado mining man.

The group consists of the Dunstan Protection, Bull Head, Camas and Mineral Hill. The development work consists of a 100-foot tunnel and a shaft 75 feet in depth. At present there is 100 tons of ore on the dump. The average assay value is \$30 in gold and \$10 in copper. Some high assays have been returned, but the above is the average. It carries but little silver.

The claims are situated seven miles from Perma, the nearest railroad point, and the haul is down grade over a county road completed this fall. A. C. Williams of Mason City, Iowa, the well-known horse dealer, is one of the ten stockholders in the local company. Mr. Pendergrass, who holds the power of attorney for his associates and who negotiated the deal, thinks that the foreign company will commence operations soon.

The first shipment of ore from the reservation was sent out recently by Chris Herman to the east Helena smelter. The shipment was a test one and consisted of three and one-third tons and netted him \$30 per ton. It was made by local freight, the rate being higher than if Mr. Herman had shipped a car. He located the claims last January and the ore was taken from the Glaucus, one of the group, at a depth of only 20 feet. Mr. Herman has installed a mining hoist and will continue operations during the winter.

Another group of claims near the Dunstan is the one owned by Howard Ross, Charley Moore, Dan McLeod, and Al Schroll. They have put down a double compartment shaft and are now cross-cutting for the vein. It is a gold and copper proposition and carries good values in silver. Several Butte experts have examined the property and made some flattering reports. The work is being done on the June bug. It is admirably situated as to timber, water and shipping facilities.

AT VICTOR

Victor, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Dr. and Mrs. Sherman are visiting friends in Hamilton today.

Mr. Gleason of Missoula was in town for a few hours today.

R. A. Mead is out of town this week. Mr. F. C. Sterling, vice president of the Missoula Mercantile company, was in town yesterday on business.

Charles Lines, who has been northern Pacific agent here for the past few months, left yesterday for Stevensville where he has accepted a position. Mr. Lyle will fill the vacancy. David Van Varicom was in town a few days this week.

Mrs. Thomas Pedersen left this week for an extended visit in the east.

Chester Hughes and Charles Griffing made a business trip to Stevensville Wednesday.

Mrs. Prior, of the east side, spent yesterday with Mrs. Alford.

Mrs. Isaacson, who was operated on for appendicitis, is recovering nicely. Mrs. Wilson, who has been ill for the past week, is able to be up around the house.

RONAN NOTES

Ronan, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Mrs. Sara Ashman and daughter of Post creek were in Ronan Wednesday of this week, the guests of Mrs. E. H. Hathorn.

The Flathead Independent Telephone company installing new phones every day and in a few days all will be running the same as before the big fire, which occurred August 21.

Andrew Stinger left Wednesday on a business trip to Missoula.

New sidewalks are being put down daily in Ronan, and soon walks will be completed from Searce's big store to the postoffice.

Mrs. Andrew Stinger and daughter, Alma, made a shopping trip to Polson Wednesday of this week and returned home Thursday.

S. J. Fry of Portland stopped at the Sterling Thursday.

Dr. J. H. Heidelman of Jocko was in Ronan Thursday, transacting business. Mr. Ziff of Missoula transacted business in Ronan Thursday.

Mrs. Dave M. Barber of Mt. Vernon, Wash., is in Ronan, a guest at the Sterling. M. A. Hillstad of Cumberland, Wis., stopped in Ronan Thursday. Copies