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Montana State Legislature Convenes at Helena Last Monday.

BOTH HOUSES ARE ORGANIZED

Stiff of Missoula is Elected Speaker of the House—Cullom President of the Senate—John Wells of Garnet Page—Others.

Separate caucuses were held by the democrats of the house and senate on the evening of January 1, the session of the senate convening about 7:30 and concluding at 10 o'clock, there being no great amount of competition for the offices and few ballots needed. The house caucus was in session much longer and the contests were quite close in several instances. Henry C. Stiff of Missoula was chosen speaker of the house by a vote of 30 to 25 for E. C. Day of Helena. Charles R. Craig of Lewis and Clark was elected chief clerk of the house; J. M. Kennedy of Deer Lodge, formerly speaker of the house, was chosen for assistant clerk by acclamation.

It required three ballots to decide the contest for sergeant at arms. Charles Wagner of Great Falls receiving 23 votes, Charles Callahan of Gallatin 11, C. H. Padley of Beaverhead 10, and G. F. Ingram of Lewis and Clarke 5.

Martin Lyden of Lewis and Clark was elected assistant sergeant at arms on the third ballot receiving 29 votes to 25 for Peter Gallagher of Granite county.

Frank Longstaff of Missoula was chosen journal clerk; Miss Alta Childs of Lewis and Clark, enrolling clerk; Henry Miles of Broadwater, engrossing clerk; Charles Callahan of Gallatin, doorkeeper; H. Bell of Madison, day watchman; G. E. Philbin of Silver Bow, night watchman; Rev. B. E. H. Warren of Helena, chaplain; William Flynn, Louis Booker and Frank Gleason of Helena and Thomas Hughes of Anaconda, were selected as pages; Dennis Bell of Silver Bow county, janitor.

Following is a list of the officers chosen by the senate caucus:

David O'Connor of Butte, secretary.

F. M. Grace of Glendive, assistant secretary.

J. W. Ponsford of Bozeman, sergeant at arms.

H. T. Kelly of Hamilton, assistant sergeant at arms.

H. D. Hill of Great Falls, journal clerk.

Patrick Dillon of Helena, engrossing clerk.

J. L. DeHart of Big Timber, enrolling clerk.

Rev. W. M. Richman of Livingston, chaplain.

Con Bray of Dillon, day watchman.

James Woodside of Virginia City, night watchman.

Moses Marks of Helena, doorkeeper.

W. H. McLean of Helena, janitor.

John Wells of Garnet and Eugene McCarthy of Townsend, pages.

Mary Green, Lizzie Hogan, Kathleen Rademaker and Sarah Lowe, committee clerks.

TWO CENTS TO CANADA.

Domestic Rate Carries Letters Into Our Neighboring Land.

The Canadian government, in a telegram from Postmaster General Muloch to Postmaster General Smith, announces that it has reduced the domestic letter rates from three to two cents per ounce, commencing January 1st. Under the convention between the United States and Canada, letters are sent from this country to Canada for two cents, the domestic rate of each country applying to the letters sent.

The reduction now adopted is reciprocal and for the first time permits letters to be sent from the other side at two cents, instead of three cents. Postmaster General Smith, at the request of the Canadian government, calls the attention of all postmasters in the country to the reduction and its taking effect New Year's day with a view to preventing matter so sent being charged up as "short paid."

THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

The Island Will Have a Naval Instead of Military Governor.

The island of Guam will probably be different from the other colonies possessions or dependencies of the United States, in having a naval instead of a military governor. The reason is that the sole purpose of the selection and acquisition of the island was to obtain a conveniently located naval station for our warships, and that being the case, the navy should have exclusive control. The command will be of importance, for the island has a population of more than 8000 people, and so far from these being barbarians, about 1400 of them are of European extraction.

To Take the Place of Water Tanks.

The unsightly elevated water tanks which now disfigure our railway stations are likely very soon to disappear, if a recent invention by Chief Engineer McHenry, of the Northern Pacific railway, meets all the expectations its experimental use has raised. This is a small submerged tank in a well or water pit,

the tank holding only enough to fill a tender. In this tank is a piston head on top of the water. Steam is forced by pipe upon the top of this piston head pressing upon the water and forcing it up through a pipe to the tender. This saves not only a large sum in the original cost of a water tank, but in numerous instances it saves also the outlay for pumping machinery and the wages of a care-taker. As with many another simple but valuable invention, the wonder is that it wasn't thought of sooner.

Fox Hunting in England.

England has about 150 packs of fox-hounds and about 15,000 horses are kept specially for fox hunting.

AN OLD LANDMARK GONE

The Algonquin Mill and Hoist Totally Destroyed by Fire.

WIPED FROM THE FACE OF EARTH

A Heap of Smouldering Ruins Greeted the New Year at Hasmark—The Foundation and a Heap of Iron All That Remains Now.

With the closing hours of the old year disappeared one of the oldest and most prominent landmarks of Granite county. About 8 o'clock last Saturday evening the Algonquin mill and hoisting works at Hasmark were discovered to be on fire and within a short space of time the entire plant was reduced to ashes and nothing remained but the stone walls and a heap of ruined machinery. The blaze was seen a long distance and the mountains for several miles around were lit up as bright as day. The night was comparatively dark, but fences and buildings across the valley were almost as plainly discernible as in bright daylight. The heat around the burning buildings was intense, as the woodwork was very dry and burned like tinder. Live trees some distance up the mountain side caught fire from the heat, but they ceased to burn after the fiery element had ended its furious spectacle of destruction at the works.

The property was owned by the Hope Mining company and is a total loss, with no insurance. The Algonquin mill and hoisting works were built during the fall and winter of 1879-80, and the mill was first started up in February, 1880. Mr. John Ainsley being master mechanic and chief engineer. It originally consisted of 20 stamps, dry crushing; six amalgamating pans, three settlers, and one revolving cylinder roaster, and had an engine of 150 horse power. The machinery was constructed in Ohio by Griffith & Wedge, and when started the Algonquin was the model mill in Montana. The cost of the mill was about \$82,000 and the hoisting works about \$15,000, as everything had to be freighted in and wages were high at that time. About 85 men were employed by the company, which was originally organized in 1875. The officers of the company at the time the works were built were H. A. Stiles, President; J. H. Williams, Vice President; J. K. Pardee, Superintendent; General manager; H. S. Showers, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Hopkins was foreman of the mill and H. K. Fairgrieve the bookkeeper. About 32,000 tons of ore were crushed during the year 1880 and the mill was kept running at intervals until December, 1888, when it closed down. During the year 1892 Mr. John McKechney, then operating the Puritan mine, procured possession of the property and set about putting it in thorough repair. The shaft house was partitioned off for living rooms and office and equipped with steam heat and electric light. Some new machinery was added, including a small engine and dynamo. When the panic overtook the country in 1893 the Algonquin mill, together with the Puritan mine, were among the Granite company enterprises that suspended operations and since that time the property has remained closed down. About two years ago it was sold under execution and ownership passed to the Hope Mining company.

Just how the fire started is not known, but it was first discovered in the hoist, which was about ten feet distant from the mill, and there being no water about the premises the entire plant was soon a roaring furnace. It is about the cleanest wreck ever seen—every particle of wood was consumed by the fire and nothing but ashes and iron remains. The shaft has caved in and for several days after the conflagration smoke was seen issuing from the pit.

The town of Hasmark seems deserted since the disappearance of the works, but the old residents who never have lost confidence in the future of their camp feel that while the fire has played serious havoc some time in the near future a custom smelter will adorn the site formerly occupied by the Algonquin and the ores from the many promising mines around Hasmark will be successfully treated at home.

The work of connecting the long distance telephone line between Montana and the Pacific coast was completed last week and one can now talk with a party in Portland, Oregon, over a thousand miles away, as easy and hear as distinctly as if only a few feet apart. The expense attached to it, however, will prevent very lengthy indulgence in social chats with friends on the coast since the rate established for this privilege is only \$1 for half a minute.

NEW YEAR MASQUERADE

The Ball Given Last Monday Evening Was a Brilliant Success.

MANY ORIGINAL CHARACTERS

Excellent Music and a Splendid Floor Made Dancing a Real Pleasure—No Prizes Were Awarded, But All Had a Good Time.

The New Year's masquerade ball given by the Philipsburg Fire Brigade at their hall last Monday evening proved a brilliant success, and a more jolly congregation of fun-loving people was never before assembled anywhere. The spacious hall was filled to overflowing, and all present, including spectators, enjoyed the evening very much. Many original characters were represented, and the friends of the merry maskers were kept guessing as to their identity until the announcement for unmasking was made, and then the surprise was in many instances complete beyond realization. A widespread reputation has been attained by the fire boys for doing things in a manner that merits commendation and the New Year's masquerade ball only served to contribute additional credit to the brigade and to the management by whom the affair was planned and successfully carried out. The committee in charge deserves every praise for their untiring efforts, and their exertions were amply rewarded by the liberal response made by the citizens of the community. For several days previous members of the brigade were at work decorating the hall, which is deserving of special mention as being very appropriate and tasteful in every respect. The floor was in splendid condition and the music, consisting of five pieces, was superb. About seventy-five couples en masque were present, and that they had a right royal time it would hardly be necessary to say, the spectators enjoying the occasion by no means least. That the affair was financially successful as well, goes without saying, and something like \$65 have been added to the treasury after deducting all expenses. Supper was served at Modini's Grand Cafe, which was elegant and first-class in every particular and was greatly enjoyed by all.

The most original characters were Miss Winkler, as Topsy; Mrs. Robert McDonel, Chinese lady; Mrs. D. M. Durfee, as Red Cross nurse; Mr. George W. Birmingham, as Isaac von Goldenstein; Mr. John Hickey, Si Plunkett; Mr. Harry Dodds, clown, and Fred Lauer, an French cook.

Among those masked were: the following, together with the characters they represented: Ladies—Nan Dooley, Sweet Jessie Taylor; Kate Dooley, Scotch Lassie Jean; Mrs. M. W. Bullard, music; Mrs. Harry Morgan, washerwoman; Mrs. T. H. Orr, Columbia; Babe Hamilton; Rosebud; Libby Doody, flower girl; Tessie Orr, Bridget; May Hamilton, bright eyes; Miss Winkler, Topsy; Mrs. Nebethal, daisy belle; Mrs. Chandler, shamrock; Jennie Rhodes, snowflake; Mrs. Carpp, hearts; Tina Brown, Old Mother Hubbard; Ernie Sherrill, old woman; Lily Cornell, Japanese lady; Mildred Sherrill, Klondike; Francis Porter, colored waitress; Mrs. A. B. Ringeling, fancy dress; Edna Wyman, daisies; Maggie Hickey, popcorn; Ida McCale, wild rose; Carrie Russell, liberty; Mrs. Reynolds, Judy; Mamie Smith, flower girl; Anna Radesill, flower girl; Mary Johnson, little demon; Maggie McRae, popcorn; Gussie Ballard, flower girl; Mrs. R. D. McRae, night; Mrs. James Foster, folly; Agnes Gird, fairy; Mrs. August Eck, liberty; Mrs. J. E. Smith, fancy dress; Mrs. Robert McDonel, Chinese lady; Myrtle Mitchell, school girl; Mrs. Dan Crowley, sunbeam; Mrs. Ainsworth, Montana huntress; Lizzie Nixon, beefsteak; Unknown, silver mine; Mrs. Dave Durfee, Red Cross nurse; Mrs. A. Fairbairn, Remember the Maine; Miss Bacon, mother Hubbard; Mrs. George Congdon, mother Hubbard; Mrs. A. Shaller, Queen Elizabeth; Gertie Shearer, folly; Mary Nixon and Mrs. McClees, hard-time bicycle suits.

Gentlemen—Eugene T. Smith, Cuban; Gus McDaniel, Chinaman; Neil McPherson, clown; Wm. Hoodman, negro; George Burks, clown; John Orr, clown; Pete Nelson, Spanish cavalier; M. W. Bullard, domino; Bob Butler, Wm. Calhoun, Alf Bullard, A. Bullard, Charles Batey, Ward Beley, F. Baudier, Alex Berthoud, Wallace LeDernie, and Harry Dodds, clowns; Fred Geiger, mask; Ed Ballard, Joe Bradshaw, two hot babies; Claude Duncan, silver king; A. S. Hazard, any old thing; George Birmingham, Jew; Fred Baxter, coon; C. W. Cross, young cavalier; W. A. Goodspeed, Uncle Sam; Wm. Jenkins, mask; W. W. Nebethal, what you want to call it; Grant Williams, Spanish cavalier; Clarence Hansen, baseball player; James Foster, Mephistopheles; Wm. Singleton, Jew; Ed Brown and Charles Schultz, gentlemen; Charles Christian and J. A. Kiderlen, dominos; John Hickey, Si Plunkett; James Hickey, Japanese gentleman; W. C. Hower, English lord; Ralph Gobell, mask; S. E. McClees, American sailor; Alex McDonel, lieutenant U. S. navy; Fred Lauer, French Cook; Don S. Ray, Uncle Sam; Rod McRae and O. Rehn, Salvation Army; Andrew Rehn, Spanish lord; John Williams, mask; George Walters, policeman.

MARRIED IN ANACONDA.

Two Well Known Philipsburg People Join Hands.

The home of Mr and Mrs. W. J. Matthews in Anaconda was the scene of a pretty but quiet wedding last Monday. Mr. D. C. Nickerson and Miss Anna L. Wies of this city were the contracting parties. The Mail joins their many friends and acquaintances in this city in extending congratulations and best wishes for a bright and happy future. Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson will make their home in Philipsburg where they will be glad to see their friends.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS

They Enter Upon Their Official Duties With the Beginning of the New Year.

GOOD GOVERNMENT ASSURED

The New Board of County Commissioners Has Organized—James B. Featherman of Drummond Is Chairman—All Capable Men.

The new officers of Granite county took their seats last Monday and Tuesday, with the exception of the county treasurer, who does not go into office until March 6th. Monday was a legal holiday, but according to a ruling made by the attorney general the change of county officers was to take place on Monday and Tuesday, January 2d and 3d, providing their predecessors were present.

Sheriff F. J. McDonald was on hand Monday and turned his books and keys over to Mr. George Metcalf, his successor. Mr. McDonald has made an efficient officer and during his time in office the county of Granite was well served and the business of the office has been ably conducted. His worth is known through and in placing the keeping of Mr. Granite county sheriff by Mr. whose labors mirably fit County Arms, who so well for the past two self, having been county of Granite the office of clerk and a man of thorough business and few counties in the state as fortunate in securing an officer as has Granite county.

Mr. H. W. Rodgers promptly succeeded the county attorney's office to his successor, Mr. Josiah Shull, and the duties of the county attorney will continue to be ably performed. Mr. Rodgers has proven himself an able as well as conscientious officer, and there is no question but that much expense has been saved by his wise counsel and excellent judgment. Mr. Shull, who succeeds him in office, has been identified with the county for many years. For several terms after the creation of Granite county he served the people in the capacity of clerk and in the district court, and as county attorney Mr. Shull will see that the various duties of that office do not lack of proper attention. Miss Mary Smith succeeded herself as county superintendent of schools. Much progress has been made under her able supervision in the different schools throughout the county during the past two years and her re-election seems conclusive proof that her services were much appreciated.

Mr. C. F. Doney will see that our roads are in a passable condition during the next two years, having succeeded Mr. E. A. Cralle as county surveyor.

Mr. J. K. Wells, by a vote of the people, was elected to the office of county assessor and has entered upon his duties, succeeding Mr. Wm. Neel. During the past two years Mr. Neel has rendered the county faithful and valuable services and leaves the office in excellent shape for his successor.

Dr. E. W. Getty, the coroner-elect, has also entered upon his official career, and any duties that may require his attention as coroner will be promptly and faithfully performed.

Mr. J. S. Axtell has assumed his role as public administrator, and will see that the estates of deceased millionaires of Granite county will not go to waste and any property that may come into his care will be in safe and competent hands.

The new board of county commissioners, composed of Messrs James B. Featherman, Harry R. Campbell and David W. Hennessy, met at the court house last Tuesday and formally took charge of the county government. Mr. Featherman was chosen chairman of the board and Granite county affairs will be administered in an economic and competent manner. Both Mr. Featherman and Mr. Hennessy were members of the old board and are familiar with the work, while Mr. Campbell, the popular young merchant of Quigley, will prove himself an efficient officer and a valuable member of the board. This most important office in the county entrusted to the care of the above-named gentlemen assures the taxpayers of Granite county a just and economical administration. The funds of the county will be applied to the best possible advantage and in a judicious manner, and the valley residents will not suffer for the want of good roads.