

BILLINGS MAN WILL ERECT A \$150,000 PICTURE THEATER

Plans Erection Next Spring of Most Modern Picture House in Northwest.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Billings, Dec. 27.—A motion picture theater to cost \$150,000 and to be one of the most up-to-date in the northwest is to be erected here in the spring. It has been announced by the prospective manager, Eugene O'Keefe, now proprietor of the Regent theater here. The new theater will have a capacity of 1,400 and will possess a terraced floor of cement, an \$18,000 pipe organ, marble and plate glass lobby and foyer, rest rooms, check rooms, smoking rooms, writing rooms and a private telephone booth.

Lodges at Chinook Elect New Officers

Special to The Daily Tribune. Chinook, Dec. 27.—The following officers were elected at the annual election of officers for the Chinook lodge No. 50, A. F. & M. at their last meeting. Ed Fredlund, W. M.; J. R. Snyth, S. W.; D. C. Kenyon, J. W.; O. M. Johnson, secretary; L. V. Bogy, treasurer; W. A. Brusewitz, J. L. Dickson and H. B. Brooks, trustees. The newly elected officers of Blaine chapter Royal Arch Masons are: George Bedell, high priest; J. L. Dickson, king; John Stosse, scribe; S. R. Hanke, secretary; J. S. McKibbin, treasurer. The installation of both sets of officers took place this evening. The officers elected to serve the coming year in the Bear Paw lodge I. O. O. F. are: William Minkin, noble grand; Julius Eaton, vice grand; Guy Bowen, secretary; A. M. Allison, treasurer; J. I. Lawwell, trustee. The installation of officers will take place Jan. 5.

Charter of Blaine Post Has 16 Names

Special to The Daily Tribune. Chinook, Dec. 27.—Blaine county post No. 48 of the American Legion is now ready to complete its organization. D. J. Sias has received the charter, which bears 16 names of charter members. It is planned to complete the organization and secure club rooms in the near future. The charter members are D. J. Sias, Elmer Taylor, Guy Downen, Monte Burgess, Lloyd Kenyon, Francis Reidy, Claude Downen, Angus McIver, H. O. Duke, Thomas Staff, Harry Ramberg, Claire Hill, Chasney, Oliver B. Dotson, J. A. Mackay and G. B. Banta.

Fails to Survive Surgical Operation

Special to The Daily Tribune. Chinook, Dec. 27.—Mrs. John Wallin took their four-year-old son to Havre on Saturday where an operation for appendicitis was performed. The little fellow could not survive the operation and passed away on Sunday. His parents took the body to their old home in North Dakota for burial.

HARLEM BLUE LODGE HOLDS AN ELECTION

Special to The Daily Tribune. Harlem, Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the Harlem lodge No. 108, A. F. & M. was held Monday evening for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year. The result of the election was: Worshipful master, R. V. Bottomly; senior warden, C. R. Underhill; junior warden, R. J. Niewoehner; treasurer, D. A. Rinz; secretary, H. E. Konshok; trustees, J. A. Hatch, E. P. Elkregen and A. Ellis. The appointive offices will be filled at the next meeting.

CHINOOK TEACHERS LEAVE FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

Special to The Daily Tribune. Chinook, Dec. 27.—Misses Rosella Ladd of the domestic science department and Ethel Adams, English teacher of the high school, are spending the Christmas vacation at their homes in North Dakota. Miss McCarthy is at her home in Minnesota and Misses Larson and Spellman of the grades are at their homes in Anacosta for the holidays.

FORMER GREAT FALLS MAN MARRIES AT SHERIDAN

Billings, Dec. 27.—Announcements have been received here of the marriage at Sheridan, Christmas eve, of G. Huntly Downs, formerly of Great Falls, and Miss Jean Alm of Fairbault, Minn. Mr. Downs is manager of the Crane-Ordway company of Billings, and also was connected with that concern at Great Falls previous to coming here. After a brief wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Downs will make their home in Billings.

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AUTOMATON IS PUZZLE TO MAGICIANS; PLAYS ON ZITHER LIKE HUMAN BEING



Dr. Cecil E. Nixon and wonderful automaton.

A marvelous automaton christened "Isis" by its inventor, Dr. Cecil E. Nixon of San Francisco has been completed after 16 years' work. According to Mr. Nixon, "Isis" can do anything but think. The automaton has 1,187 wheels in its entire body. One of its many accomplishments is to play a repertoire of 64 melodies on a zither and on demand will play any tune desired. The automaton is operated by electricity and is the marvel of many prominent magicians who have viewed it at work. It is insured for \$5,000.

INCREASED COST OF AUTOMOBILES IS EXPLAINED BY LOCAL DEALER

Overland Cars Will Go Up 10 Per Cent First of Year Because of High Cost of Labor and Material; Factory is 68,000 Machines Behind its Orders.

Beginning the first of the new year, the prices of Overland automobiles will go up about 10 per cent making the cost of a machine which now sells for \$975 amount to \$1,080. This announcement was made during the week by Roy McKnight, of the Overland-Great Falls company in an interview explaining the reason for the increasing prices in the automobile business and the effects such increases will have upon general economic conditions. "I can not speak about the conditions with other automobile companies," said Mr. McKnight, "but as far as the Overland company is concerned I do know that the cost of manufacturing machines has made imperative the increase in the selling price. The production of all automobiles has been so limited that it has been impossible to meet the demands of the public. 68,000 Cars Behind. "The shortage in 1920 will be more noticeable than for any other previous year. Only one-third of the cars asked for each month can be supplied. The Overland factory is just 68,000 cars behind. In other words if no new orders were taken it would require five months to produce enough machines to fill the present orders. "The reasons for this condition in the automobile industry are easily explainable. Our company is short 5,000 men.

Schoenfelt Mining in Madison County

Otto Schoenfelt was in the city from his home at Sheridan Thursday and Friday and will return to that place this (Saturday) morning over the Great Northern road. Mr. Schoenfelt is engaged in mining in the mountains near Sheridan and he says that he is experiencing reasonable success and enjoying the work. He has been located at that place for the last four or five years and has done considerable development work on his property. All the old-time residents of this section know Mr. Schoenfelt, especially if they took any part in political affairs during the convention system when he was one of the active workers in this county. He served for a considerable period in appointive office, being connected with the state humane office. He declares that he now is working hard every day and getting both health and pleasure out of it. "Why I walk five miles to work every morning, do a man's shift, walk home in the evening, enjoy a short rest after eating my dinner and then go to bed early and sleep like a baby," said Mr. Schoenfelt. "You see, I've cut out all that late hour stuff, got on a steady habit basis, see a little progress each day in reaching my objective and, as I view it, am really getting something worth while out of life. I came to the city on a little personal business, have attended to it, and now, on the first train Saturday, I shall return to the simple life again."

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Earl E. Blanchard arrived in Great Falls Friday from Grand Forks, North Dakota, for a visit with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Jr. Mr. Blanchard is contemplating making his home in this city. Judge W. B. Rhodes of Havre was in Great Falls Friday and remained over until today. He is registered at the Park hotel.

Schools Will Resume Work on Next Monday

It will be a case of "back to the books" for the boys and girls of the city next Monday. The city schools will resume their work after the Christmas holidays. The holidays started earlier than usual because of the coal strike and the resulting shortage of fuel and for that reason it is now necessary to open the work again, the vacation period being the usual one but merely advanced in its starting date one week. The pupils, however, will have an extra day of pleasure for Thursday, which is New Year's day, being a legal holiday, all work will be suspended. The schools will then be opened again for Friday and thus have four days for the first week. The only new teacher in the staff is A. B. Tootell who had to be added to meet the growth in the high school.

Lawyers' Luncheon Set for January 8

The regular monthly luncheon of the Cascade County Bar association will be held Thursday, January 8, it was stated Friday by Charles Davidson, chairman of the arrangements committee. A program for the luncheon is now being prepared and will be announced within the next few days. The annual banquet of the association will be held next year, as usual, on Lincoln's birthday, February 12.

GASOLINE EXPLODES IN MALTA BUILDING BURNING OCCUPANT

With Clothing Afire Woman Leaps From Second Story; Burns Severe, Not Fatal.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Malta, Dec. 27.—While engaged in cleaning clothes in her rooms in the Veseth apartments this afternoon, Mrs. Gruneth was severely burned about the hands and face when the gasoline exploded. The explosion set fire to the building and she escaped by leaping from the second story window. She was taken to the hospital where her burns were found to be not fatal. While the fire was extinguished before it had greatly damaged the building the household goods of Roy Dillon were mostly destroyed and the post office, on the floor below, was flooded with water.

NEWS OF JOPLIN.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Joplin, Dec. 27.—The program given by the Joplin school last Wednesday evening, was a grand success in every way. Two plays were staged, "The Bob Cratchit Family" and "The Santa Claus Family at Home." School has closed for the Christmas vacation, and will open again after 11 days. The high school students are giving a party in the high school next Tuesday evening, in honor of Miss Evelyn Jensen, a former Joplin girl, but now of Kalispell. She is spending her Christmas vacation with her folks here. Mrs. Walter Jensen, of Kalispell, is visiting over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Amundson, and other relatives and friends. Ralph Edwards, of Hamilton, Missouri, is visiting with friends here during the holidays. Mr. Edwards was a Joplin resident before entering the army a couple of years ago. Ole Grimstad, John Vein, John Burke and Walter J. Keys left on Tuesday Skiddo, for the west to join the ice crew of the Great Northern, at Loom Lake, Wash. Carl Peterson, one of the early settlers of north of town, who has been visiting her for the past month, left last week for his home in South Dakota. The frequent chinooks which have been passing over this part of the country for the past two weeks, have melted the snow which had accumulated here. Now the ground is again bare, except for the small ponds and puddles. No. Mr. and Mrs. Fergus and family, of Lewistown, relatives of Rev. and Mrs. Cornelson of this place, are spending the holidays here.

Tools Are Scarce

"The most difficult things to get in the automobile industry are tools and dies. The factory has a large number of cars with the bodies made waiting for the finishing touches to be put on them." Mr. McKnight said that the sales of Overlands in the state had been unusually light because of the conditions which have prevailed during the past two years. In other sections of the country the demand for all automobiles has been far in advance of that here. For that reason, Mr. McKnight explained that the automobile shortage had not been so apparent in Montana as in some other states. A sufficient number of cars have been received here in the past to take care of all orders and another carload is expected to arrive within a few days. Mr. McKnight said that the labor situation in the automobile industry has been one of serious obstacles. The factories have been clamoring for men but have been unable to fill the vacant jobs.

SHERIFF CONDUCTS SALE OF HARLEM BUILDINGS

Harlem, Dec. 27.—The buildings belonging to Peter E. Clark were sold at sheriff's sale Tuesday afternoon to R. E. Carlson for \$180. The Imperial lumber yard was the plaintiff in the action.

Butte Man Discovers a Diamond Set Ring in Turkey Gizzard

Butte, Dec. 27.—When John Hopper, track man for the Butte Electric Railway company, dressed a turkey for Christmas he discovered a diamond ring in the bird's gizzard. The 235 turkeys distributed to employees of the railway company had been selected from turkeys sent in from several states, and it was impossible to determine whence the bird came containing the ring, to say nothing of how the ring came to be in the bird. A number of the street car men reported finding sapphires in the gizzards of their Christmas turkeys. Some of the birds came from Nebraska, and it is thought likely that the gems were picked up there. Among these stones were several large and beautiful, and their owners declare they intend to have them out and mounted as settings for rings and pins.

ICE JAMS THREATEN THE ONLY BRIDGE TO MOSBY OIL FIELDS

After the Drouth Comes Cold and Snow and Then a Thaw on the Musselshell.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Winnett, Dec. 27.—The weather man is after all the damage he can do in eastern Fergus county, if signs are pointing right. No sooner was the drouth over last fall than the storms got under the jackets in October and with snow, rain, and zero records, then the chinook came on that has lasted for about two weeks, while mud and slush have been abundant. The Musselshell river became a torrent of ice and slush that threatened to take away the bridge at Mosby, west of here. Several men with outfits have been working above the bridge to clear away the jam and save the bridge. It is thought that unless the continued thawing and freezing, alternately, comes to an end that the only bridge across the river for miles will be torn down and traffic cut off to Garfield county and the oil fields.

Hospital Supplies Reach Fort Harrison

Helena, Dec. 27.—The first steps to convert Fort Harrison into an army hospital were taken Friday when several carloads of supplies, sent from eastern bases were unloaded. Major A. S. Pendleton, of the federal public health service who is in charge, put a force of men at work cleaning up the grounds.

STOCKMEN SUES RAILWAY FOR LOSSES ON CATTLE

Lewistown, Dec. 27.—G. F. Flaming has brought suit against the Milwaukee to recover a total of \$7,524 as damages for the alleged negligent handling of two shipments of cattle to the eastern market.

Discovers Deposit Nearly Pure Lead Beneath Coal Vein

Roundup, Dec. 27.—A clearly defined and extensive deposit of lead below an 18-inch vein of coal has been discovered by Barton Tucker on his farm in the Bull mountains and samples of the metal shown in Roundup indicate that it is better than 80 per cent pure. The actual extent of the deposit has not yet been determined, but further exploration will be made and if the quantity justifies arrangements will be made for mining on a commercial scale. Mr. Tucker discovered the lead while taking out coal for use on his ranch. The presence of lead underlying coal is so unusual that he could scarcely believe it possible, but the metal responds to every test for lead and there can be no doubt as to its quality. The sample shown in Roundup is very soft but so firm that it leaves no smudge when marking on white paper. Its commercial value is about 7 1/2 cents a pound and if the deposit is large the mining of it is certain to prove highly profitable.

Builds an Airplane To Run on Ground

Special to The Daily Tribune. Billings, Dec. 27.—An airplane capable of running on the ground after the fashion of an automobile and taking the air at a speed of 75 miles an hour has been patented by Thomas Wade, a licensed pilot of Billings. The plane, claimed to be the lightest ever designed, will have a wing-spread of 16 feet and will be equipped with a special Ford motor.

PEOPLE OF STANFORD HOLD COMMUNITY XMAS AFFAIR

Stanford, Dec. 27.—The Christmas story in pantomime with the community celebration of Christmas was given before a large audience at the city hall in Stanford on Christmas eve.

Goes Into Court for Possession of a Yellow Dog

Special to The Daily Tribune. Miles City, Dec. 27.—Issuing a search warrant for a yellow dog is not a general pastime of Judge W. P. Welsh but the exigencies of a situation which arose in this city yesterday seemed to call for such legal proceedings.

Proof of ownership was shown properly to the court by the affidavit of Kenneth Kelly, in consequence of which the warrant was served by Constable Frank Casey. The canine was found in a box car loaded for New Mexico where the animal was tied, the man in charge releasing it on the appearance of the officer of the law. As an aftermath the constable produced the canine in court and the court's judgment is that, "Frank, a yellowish-brown, bob-tail dog aged six or seven, is the property of one Kenneth Kelly of Miles City."

HAAS LEAVES FOR EAST.

Architect S. H. Haas has left for St. Paul, where he will spend the holidays with old friends and relatives. Mr. Haas established this costume eight or nine years ago and has made the regular Christmas visit ever since. He expects to be gone for two or three weeks.

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