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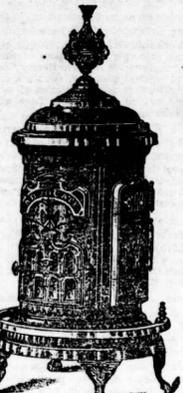
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**THE MUSSELHELL ROAD.**  
Messrs. Breuchaud and Burke accompanied by the editor of this paper, left Billings last Wednesday to look over the improvements completed and contemplated upon the road to the Musselshell whence Billings will receive a large and constantly increasing trade. The road, even without the improvements which have been and are about to be made, is an exceedingly good one, and after passing the first station, fifteen miles from here, goes through the lake flat which covers about 350 square miles, where the finest hay can be cut and where many cattle are now grazing. This vast area, if irrigated, would be one of the finest wheat growing countries in the west, and the adjacent Bull mountains would furnish coal for fuel and timber for building purposes. The foot-hills of the Bull mountains are exceedingly good grazing land, and the numerous springs will furnish the requisite water, while the coulees will afford an ample supply of hay.  
After passing over the Bull mountains, the country, if anything, improves in appearance, ranches are established in the different coulees, and cattle graze on all the ranges. The largest of these is the Big Coulee, where the Montana Cattle Co. have their headquarters. All these coulees are well watered, and the ranges furnish the best grazing grounds in eastern Montana, which it is admitted is the finest grazing country in the world. On the Musselshell river, about one and one-half miles from Billings, the ranchers have already been established, and they are all enthusiastic in their views of the future prospects and present prosperity of their section of the country.  
The improvements which have already been made upon the road, while not sufficient to warrant its being called a permanent highway, will nevertheless meet the immediate demands of the trade with the section of country drained by the Musselshell. Two bridges have been completed, one across Big Coulee creek and the other across Painted Robe creek. Three other bridges extensive of the bridge across the Musselshell are contemplated, and portions of the material are already on the ground. Of these three bridges the one most required is that over Alkali Creek, about one and one-half miles from Billings, the other two are, one across the coulee three and a half miles this side of the Rocky Butte station. The work upon all of these bridges will be finished in about a month or six weeks, and there will then remain, before the road is completed, several heavy grades to reduce, the work upon which was stopped on account of frost in the winter. One heavy grade has already been reduced near Rocky Butte station, and some work done upon several others. North of Bull Mountain station, the reduction of the road will be necessary as far as to cut off one mile in distance, beside avoiding several steep hills, and from Painted Robe creek to the Musselshell a new road has been made, the grading upon which will be done by Messrs. Burke & Wilson at their own expense. These parties have already commenced operations upon the construction of a bridge across the Musselshell also at their own expense. By the new road it is about six miles from Painted Robe to Musselshell, and Wilson's ranch, and from there to Olden's is less than three miles, while the distance from Painted Robe Creek by the old route to Olden's is nine miles, so that taking into consideration the fact that the new road crosses the river at a point which will lead direct to the road which must eventually be used, the Judith Gap, it is much the better of the two. In this relation we might say that during this trip we learnt that the people who reside in the Judith Basin country have written the mail contractor frequently, signifying their willingness to repair the road to the Judith Gap, provided the mail were carried by that route, which would save in the distance from here to Benton some forty miles, and would naturally attract to that section of the country a much larger number of country. There seems to be no reason why the mail to Benton should be carried round by Martinsdale, when by taking this cut-off road to the Gap so many miles could be saved, and a new and wealthy district be opened up. The time is not far distant when we shall have a direct mail route to Benton, and the necessity of this saving in distance will be even more apparent than it is now.

**FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.**  
BOZEMAN, M. T.,  
Dec. 10th, 1882.  
To the Editor of the Billings Herald:  
This letter must needs be dated from Bozeman, inasmuch as I am at the present moment in the reading room of the Northern Pacific Hotel, and will remain until to-morrow. I left East of Track yesterday, (Davis', four miles east of Hooper's) and came through a blinding snow storm across the range. Temporary grades are being made around Jones' through cut and over tunnel, neither of which grades are finished, but merely begun. Arrived here at 5 p. m. and found a fine town. Bozeman has a population of about 3,500, and is in fact a prosperous place. Amongst steady business places are crowded gilded saloons, and from whence issue after night fall sweet (3 strains) of saloon music. We stepped into one of these places about 10 o'clock last evening, and saw a much painted female, in the rear end of the hall, struggling mightily with an operative selection, while her mail companion pounded vigorously on an organ. A crowd of variegated natives stood open-mouthed drinking in the melody. Among the finest business places here are the establishments of Essler & Co., dealers in general merchandise, and Messrs. Rich & Wilson, dealers in dry goods and groceries. Here I listened to some strange stories of the instability of track at the west end—quicksands sinking, and carrying out Kearney's "the Chinese must go"—by ditching whole trains of Celestials in the adjacent river. The Gallatin valley the finest piece of land between this point and Fargo, and in a few years Bozeman will double its population.  
X. T. C.

**THE LATE COLD SNAP.**  
During last week a polar wave of unusual and unseasonable severity swept over the northern zone and reached its greatest intensity on the night of Wednesday, the 6th. It enveloped in its icy embrace regions far to the North and East of us, and even Southern latitudes were markedly affected by its rigors. The thermometer which was at once accompanied a low temperature was, in this instance greatly increased by a terrific wind accompanied by snow, which sweeping over the open country of Manitoba, Dakota and Minnesota, produced what is commonly called on the prairie a "hizzard" of an unusually severe type. Throughout the region as reported, Winnipeg takes the palm with 67° below, Fargo follows with 47° and Grand Forks with 31°. From Bismarck the reports vary, being stated at from 19° to 57° below zero. In St. Paul the indications showed 25°, and the river was frozen over at that point. The Northwestern travelling public experienced the greatest hardship. Of this the Pioneer Press says: "Passengers on the costly Pullmans, running between and thence on the Northern Pacific, have the bitterest of tales to tell. Many of the lady passengers on these palaces on wheels, had to go to the trouble of keeping through and through the double windows the wind came dancing as if the glass were porous as a sponge, and the comparatively small heaters were powerless to give over 'moderate warmth.' Nor was the effects of the Arctic wave confined to the Northwest. Chicago's harbor was sealed by ice and shipping on the great lakes suffered much damage from the unexpected storm and intense cold. Buffalo, N. Y., reports severe weather, and the Southern Illinois and Iowa. And the Atlantic coast did not escape the icy breath of the storm. And what of Montana? From Glendive no authentic reports have been received, but such as have come to land indicate frosty though not immediately cold weather. Miles City seems to have felt the infection more than neighboring towns. Her papers report a temperature of from 13 to 20 below zero, and the official reports from Fort Keogh place the lowest temperature at 13. At Fort Custer signal station the mercury sank to a minimum of 10. Towns West of us, as Bozeman and Helena, seem hardly to have noticed the cold wave. Here in Billings a slight snow fell, but no wind blew and the weather was frosty and bracing, yet by no means uncomfortable cold. To residents of northern latitude it would hardly have been noticed as winter weather except by comparison with the delightfully warm period which it followed. No lower indication than 7 degrees below zero was observed and in our dry, clear atmosphere that is no unpleasant temperature. By Friday afternoon it had so far yielded to the warm, western winds that a sharp fall of rain dissipated the remaining snow. Montana has, in the latest, been newly vindicated her reputation for

The Queen of the Hills, Montana district, bids fair to become what its name indicates. A tunnel is being run on this mine that is developing a very fine body of ore. M. L. Lohmire, who visited the camp last week, brought in some very fine specimens showing wire vein. The streak is in the middle of the vein, and when first struck was no thicker than a knife blade, but soon widened to an inch, and while Mr. L. was in camp it widened to three inches. This streak is a honey-comb of native silver, and very rich. The rest of the ore in the mine is also very fine. Husbandman.

A man named Freeze, who lives at Frozeto Death, Custer county, has a lot of wood which he desires to sell. We advise him to keep it. He is evidently a very cold man, and he lives in a place noted for its frigidity, and he despises of his fuel at this time of the year it is more than likely that some of these mornings the neighbors will find Mr. Freeze, of Frozeto-Death, frozeto-death.—Independent.

Now this is evidently a game of freeze-out and if you'll wait we'll go you one better. If reasonable precautions be taken by Mr. Freeze, of Frozeto-Death, he will not be frozen to death even though he dispose of his fuel—which, by the way, seems free of water in that part of the country—if roses are not blooming over Mr. Freeze's grave next summer we will probably hear from Frozeto-Death again.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
Nichols & Dean's wholesale hardware establishment, at St. Paul, was burned on the morning of December 6th. The total loss will reach \$50,000.

The celebrated Passion play is to be produced in a New York theatre during Christmas week. It is a dramatic depiction of the principal scenes in the life and death of Jesus Christ.

Elmer's theatre, at Jamestown, Dak., was burned on the evening of Dec. 7th. So rapid was the conflagration that some of the actors were injured in making their escape by jumping from the windows.

Dakota's chances to be admitted as a state seem to be growing smaller and beautifully less. The bill for that purpose now pending in the senate will be opposed by a few Republican senators (all Yankton county's reputed indebtedness be adjusted in some way. Democrats have ever opposed the measure, and if the admission bill be not passed during the present session it looks as though the matter would lay over for some time.

On the Dakota prairie, between Larimore and Grand Forks, are about twenty families of Russian refugees who are said to be in absolute want of the necessities of life. During the storm of Wednesday one of the people with his wife and a nine-months old child, started to seek shelter and warmth at a neighbor's shack a mile and a quarter away. The woman and child perished and the man reached his destination badly frost-bitten.

On Dec. 9th, Sir Lingsh Allen, B., a noted Canadian, died in Edinburgh, Scotland, at the age of 72 years. He was a Scotchman by birth but came to Montreal and began life as a dry goods clerk, in which capacity he served three years. He then became clerk to a shipping firm and subsequently a partner in the concern. Since then he has become the proprietor of the largest private fleet of steam ships in the world and has amassed a fortune estimated at \$10,000,000. He never entered public life but received his title of knighthood as a compliment to his wealth and business capacity and energy.

**The Next Legislative Assembly.**  
The following list of the members-elect of the next Legislature is taken from the Helena Independent. It may be relied upon as correct, having been compiled from official returns:

**COUNCILMEN.**  
Lewis and Clark county—W. A. Chesnut, rep., and W. C. Gilbert, rep.  
Deer Lodge county—A. H. Mitchell, dem. Silver Bow county—C. Witter, rep.  
Missoula county—W. E. Bass, dem.  
Beaverhead county—B. F. White, rep.  
Jefferson county—Ed. Cardwell, dem.  
Madison county—Wm. W. Morris, dem.  
Gallatin county—Geo. D. Thomas, rep.  
Meagher county—Granville Stuart, dem.  
Chouteau and Dawson county, joint district—Henry S. Bath, ind.  
Custer county—C. G. Cox, dem.

**MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.**  
Lewis and Clark—Harry B. Conly, dem.; R. C. Wallace, rep., and P. D. Cooper, rep.  
Deer Lodge—A. E. Mayhew, dem., and J. D. Armstrong, dem.  
Silver Bow—J. F. Forbis, dem., Daniel O'Grady, dem., and Lee Mantle, rep.  
Missoula—Orlando B. Matten, dem.  
Beaverhead—W. T. Jacobs, dem. and J. E. Clutter, rep.  
Jefferson—J. S. Allen, dem. and P. B. Mills, dem.  
Madison—H. N. Blake, rep. and R. O. Hickman, rep.  
Gallatin—Caldwell Edwards, rep. and Henry J. Wright, rep.  
Meagher—J. E. Kanouse, dem. and Thos. Dean, rep.  
Chouteau—W. B. Settle, dem., Joseph A. Baker, dem.  
Custer—P. W. McAdow, dem. and S. H. Erwin, rep.  
Dawson—J. F. Maloney, dem.

The relative party strength in each branch of the legislature will be as follows: In the Council—4 Democrats, 5 Republicans and 1 Independent. In the Lower House—14 Democrats and 10 Republicans. It therefore appears that the Legislative assembly will be Democratic in both departments.

**RAILROAD MATTERS.**  
The new building for use as a baggage room and express office is almost ready for occupancy.  
The building which did temporary service as a freight depot has been torn down and removed.  
H. A. Bruns & Co.'s banking car is to be removed to Merrill, where it will be used as an office for the agent of the R. R.  
A force of workmen are engaged in fitting up the Headquarters hotel and it will be opened for business in a week or ten days.  
Anderson's outfit of boarding cars are side-tracked in the lower yard. The force are engaged taking up the Y three miles east of here.

The Utah Northern and the Northern Pacific are said to have come into collision on the west side of the Missouri river, both companies claiming priority as to right of way.  
Ed. L. Gilbow, late yard master at Billings, left on Wednesday morning to take a like position at Livingston. He is one of the most popular and efficient railroad men on the division, and we regret his departure.