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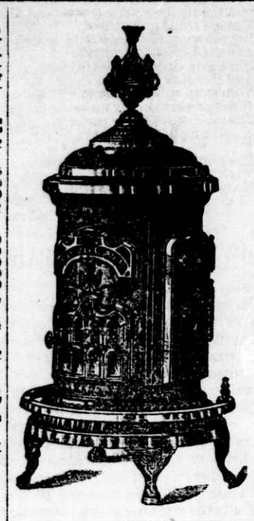

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CHRISTMAS.

Ere another issue of the HERALD appears Christmas will have come and gone. We therefore take the last opportunity of wishing each and all of our readers "A Merry Christmas." Not merely because it is customary to pass "the compliments of the season," but that we earnestly desire the day should be a blithe and merry one among all our friends. Around no day in the calendar clusters so many fond memories and tender associations as are connected with this day set apart by Christendom as the anniversary of the birth of a God. The name Christmas carries each of us back to the days of an innocent childhood, to recollections of precious gifts received through the medium of a mythical Santa Claus, to the time when we knew little of the hard realities the future had in store or of the practical life which was destined to dissipate our brightest dreams. There came a time a little later when the season, if robbed of its childish delights, was made pleasant by happy family reunions, by loving voices which bade us merry Christmas and by the interchange of kindly mementoes. Well those days are past but memory perpetuates their joys. By the exigences of life many of us are separated from those whose presence would gladden our Christmas festivities and without such association the day is deprived of half its meaning. Amid the bustle of active life in the Western world there seems little time for indulgence in sentimental reminiscences, but at this holiday season it can be no discredit if we pause for a moment and let tenderer emotions occupy our thoughts. We may be better men for it and it may help us to pass the Christmas time more nearly in accord with the feelings of those loved ones who, far from here, are surely wishing us "a merry Christmas."

Meeting of Citizens to Consider Protection from Fire.

Obedient to call of the president of the organization, a large number of prominent citizens gathered at the Park Hotel on Monday evening, to consider the question of fire protection. Mr. Breuchaud, president, took the chair, and J. D. Matheson was elected secretary. Mr. Geo. D. Rice, chairman of the committee appointed at last meeting to ascertain the number, cost and most advantageous location of wells to be dug for fire purposes, read their report. It was an elaborately prepared and carefully worded document and embodied the following important suggestions:

That wells be dug on Montana avenue opposite East end of blocks 109, 110, 111; and on Minnesota avenue opposite West end of blocks 191 and 189. That the dimensions of each well be eight feet square inside curbing and 20 feet deep, giving a capacity af about 6,000 gallons each, quite sufficient for the supply of any hand engine.

That the probable cost of the five wells as ascertained by various proposals for their construction would be $1,000 in complete form. The report urged the necessity of immediate action on the part of the citizens.

Appended to the report was an appeal, based on the urgency of the case, for the immediate construction of a jail building. Short specifications for such a structure were furnished at an estimated cost of about $1,000.

Still another suggestion was to the effect that a bill or petition be at once drawn up for presentation at the next meeting of the Legislature, with a view to secure the incorporation of Billings under town government, and to embody all provisions necessary to that end.

The report was signed by Geo. D. Rice, C. A. Wustum, O. D. Garrison and James Ferguson.

It was moved and carried that the proposed well at the East end of block 109 on Montana avenue be located at the West end of the same block, the better to protect the property on 28th street North. With this amendment that part of the report relating to wells was adopted.

The finance committee appointed at last meeting were called upon to report. Mr. Thompson stated that he had secured subscriptions to the amount of $300, with a prospect of securing $500. Mr. Foster reported that $200 had been subscribed on his paper and that he would be able to raise $400 in all. Mr. VanSinden, the third member of the committee, was absent.

Moved and carried that the committee on wells and the finance committee acting conjointly, be a citzen's executive committee with Mr. Breuchaud as chairman to raise the requisite money, apply it to the construction of wells, and further, that the supply of the various appliances needed by the hook and ladder company be also attended to by this committee.

Mr. Breuchaud reported that he had consulted with H. Clark relative to obtaining the building known as the company's store for storing the fire department's apparatus; that he had been offered very favorable terms of purchase, and that the railroad authorities had given permission for its removal to a location on the right-of-way.

Moved and carried that this matter be referred to the executive committee.

It was also reported that free transportation from St. Paul to Billings had been granted for all material required for fire protection.

The purchase of a Babcock Chemical Extinguisher having been proposed by Mr. Maylone and advocated by other gentlemen present, it was resolved that communication be opened with parties in Bismarck, Minneapolis and St. Paul relative to the merits of such an engine.

Meeting adjourned sine die.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

Tickets are now sold at the new office in the headquarters building, which is to be used as a temporary depot. The new baggage and express offices are about ready to be occupied.

The Helena Herald is responsible for the statement that inside the next thirty days arrangements will be perfected by which postal cars and we presume through trains will be run to Livingston.

At the Bozeman tunnel about 500 feet of the total 3,600 have already been taken out. Work will continue without interruption during the winter, and it is hoped that the tunnel will be completed early in the summer.

The winter terminus of the Canadian Pacific will be at Maple Creek, twenty-eight miles East of Fort Walsh, and almost due north of Benton. The company have projected a line from this point to Benton and it is believed that construction will not be long delayed.

The subjoined figures show the progress which has been made in cutting the tunnel at the Mullen pass near Helena. Mr. Muir, the contractor, confidently express his conviction that trains will be enabled to run through the mountains on the first of June next: From east portal 1,557 feet; from west portal, 58; East and West from shaft, 702; total, 2,317 feet.

Tracklaying has advanced almost to Hopper's, a point twelve miles beyond Livingston. After this point is reached we are reliably informed that the tracklaying force will be disbanded and nothing further done till the opening of spring. During the past year the N. P. has made a brilliant record. January 1st, 1882, the iron was laid about twenty miles beyond Miles City. Before the year closes the line will have been completed 260 miles West of that point and the Yellowstone river bridged at three different points. This remarkable advancement is due in part to the unusual moderation of the past winter, during which work progressed almost without a day's intermission.

Advices from the National Capital seem to indicate that during the present session of Congress a strong effort will be made to despoil the Northern Pacific of a portion of its well earned land grant. By the terms of its charter the road was to have been completed June 1st, 1880, and the enemies of the road claim that for the many miles of track laid since that time the company is entitled to no fulfilment of the grant promised in its charter. It will be remembered that an unsuccessful effort of the same kind supposed to have been instigated by Jay Gould, was made during last winter. Since the corporation has emerged from its financial difficulties every resource of capital, energy and skill has been used to carry out the purposes of the grant. Now trains run over the whole route except about 300 miles in the centre of the continent, and on every mile of that comparatively short distance the work is in great part completed. That part of the road now under operation has been accepted by government inspectors under the terms of the charter, and we cannot see wherein lies an opportunity to defraud the company of its land grant. It would appear highly probable that the opposition is but a scheme to depreciate Northern Pacific stocks and to thus enable interested capitalists to secure a controlling interest in the road In any event we believe that should courts be called upon to adjudicate the question, they will take an equitable view and confirm the company in their grant.

MONTANA NEWS.

Butte is thinking over the street-car question.

It is rumored that the Forsythe postoffice building is burned.

It is stated that United States courts are to be established in Benton, Miles City and Missoula.

Benton wants to be incorporated and will probably present a bill for that purpose to the next session of the Legislature.

The Clendenin Mining and Smelting Company has bought the "Uncle George" and "Whippoorwill" mines in the Barker district for the sum of $10,000.

Two roughs stole a stack of poker chips in a saloon at Helena, and when the proprietor, Crump, refused to cash them, began shooting at him and inflicted a severe wound in his hip. The man who shot Crump was arrested.

At New Chicago the other day a man named McDonougle laid aside his coat for the purpose of settling a slight dispute. When he got through the encounter and resumed his coat he found a pocket-book containing $905 missing from it.

Just before starting out on his flying visit to China, our enterprising townsman, S. H. Can, bought a lot in Billings, Col. Batsenwein, for which he paid the neat sum of $1,500. It was lot 5, block 100, on which he will erect a fine building early in the spring.

A girl came all the way from Massachusetts to Bozeman to marry a man whom she had never seen, but who by correspondence had promised to wed her. It is not surprising that the gay letter writer was not to be found in Bozeman when she arrived.

Billings is improving slowly but surely The real estate business is good, and substantial business and residence buildings are being erected. The people have no fear that their town will be ruined by a transfer of the cattle shipments to Stillwater.—[Courier.

On the evening of the 14th a notorious establishment kept by one Annie Turner was burned at Miles City. The fire originated from the upsetting of a lamp by one of the children in the house. The building with a number of shacks attached, which were also consumed, was valued at $2,500.

Chas. Richaton, sheep rancher, found his partner, Albert Hunt, dead on the prairie near the Tehon. His body was marked by several bullet ho and the horse he had ridden was found a short distance away shot dead. The ghastly deed is supposed to be the work of horse thieves who infest that country, a party of whom Hunt was pursuing.

Jos. Emmerson, a former resident of Miles City, shot Wm. Buckley in a railroad camp West of Livingston last Sunday night. Though the men were quarreling at the time the revolver was drawn the shot is said to be an accidental one. Buckley still alive was put on the train to be sent to the hospital at Fort Keogh, but died before reaching his destination.

The friends of Seigmund Weiskopf, of Butte, found what they supposed was his murdered body near Missoula and mourned him as dead. While they were looking for some one to punish for his untimely death they received a letter from the young man who had merely changed his location and had not heard the news of his decease. It was a surprise party all aronnd.

The government commissioners who examined the Northern Pacific West of Billings a few days ago, accepted fifty miles and approved a second fifty, all but three miles, which was not completed, but which will be examined in a few days by one of the commisioners who will return from St. Paul. Virtually there will be one hundred miles accepted in their report.—Indpendent

The other day at Butte a daring Mexican horse-thief embraced a favorable opportunity to escape from the county jail. He had not got many rods beyond the outer gate however, when Jailor Thibault promptly rounded him up with a shot in the leg. He allowed he knew he would be shot, but hoped to be wounded seriously enough to go into the hospital. His desire was not realized.

Benton people conceive that they have struck a bonanza in the discovery that the river bed of the Shonkin is 70 feet higher than the bottom opposite the town. A tunnel is to be cut 500 feet through the bluff and it is supposed that the water thus attainable will irrigate the adjacent land, supply the town, run mills and in fact do anything and everything that a strong head of water ought to do.

Those noted characters, Brown and Smith, got into a difficulty over the possession of a cabin at Dublin Gulch near Butte. Brown got inside and locked the door, and when Smith came with an officer and attempted to crawl in the window he received a bad blow on his head from an axe. Smith went on in however, and detained Brown from inflicting further damage while the officer made an entrance and arrested the offender.

A lunatic entered the Catholic church at Helena the other day, locked the doors and refused to admit intruders, saying that he had come there to die and did not wish to be disturbed. After the officers had effected a forcible entry he held them at bay for some time by grasping an old brier pipe in his pocket as though it were a revolver. He was secured and it was ascertained that his lunacy was the result of heavy drinking.

The record of Montana for 1882 will show an increase of some 250 miles of railroad, an increase of 15,000 permanent residents, and the establishment of peace among the red men. The bullion product will aggregate $8,000,000 in value, while 50,000 head of cattle and 3,000,000 pounds of wool will be marketed. The harvests have been abundant and prices better than for years, and some 50,000 acres have been added to the cultivated area. Nearly 100,000 head of cattle and 150,000 head of sheep have been put upon the vast stock ranges in addition to the regular increase from herds formerly there, and over and above these evidences of prosperity is the prediction of a geologist that Montana will one day be the greatest coal producing State in the Union. —[N. Y. Sun.

The Board of County Commissioners.

The organization of the new board of county commissioners seems to have revealed some surprising facts. The old board consisted of Messrs. Strader, Hubbell and Briggs, of whom the first named was a regular elected officer, whose term unquestionably expired last Monday, while Hubbell and Briggs held the office by virtue of the appointment of probate judge, to fill vacancies created by resignation of elected members. The gentlemen who resigned would have held office until 1884, and it is made to appear by inference from the statute, that the appointees hold office until that time, and that in fact only one commissioner was elected on the 7th day of November last, namely, in place of C. M. Strader. The three commissioners supposed to have been elected were Rich, Hubbell and Robertson. In making up the new board Hubbell did not qualify as a new member but held over by appointment, and Briggs, secure in his position, did likewise, leaving Messrs. Caleb Rich and D. L. Robertson to take one seat, a contest for which was already begun in the courts by candidates defeated on the official canvass.

Mr. Rich, with commendable wisdom, disavowed all pretensions to the vacant place though he had received the largest vote, and Mr. Robinson qualified in his stead. Living 175 miles from the county seat, and pressed with private business, he did not feel disposed to go into court and carry on an expensive contest for his right to maintain an unremunerative position.

PERSONAL.

J. A. Smith has gone to pay a visit to relatives at Bozeman.

Judge Proctor is, we regret to learn, very ill at the Clark House.

C. H. Pendleton, of Iowa City, Iowa, is visiting with his son, our enterprising fruit man.

A. Devine, editor of the HERALD, has gone to spend the holiday season at his former home in the gay Canadian city, Montreal.

W. G. Peaslee left on an extended business trip to the East Monday morning. He will visit Omaha, Chicago and Dubuque, Iowa.

Rev. Shuart has returned from his hunting expedition much refreshed in body and mind, and with a very fair showing of game.

Smith & Hagy are about to reopen their store at Huntley. They will also establish a branch business at Livingston. Mr. Smith will probably spend the winter in the East.

Caleb Rich, Esq., was in town yesterday on his return from Miles City. Mr. Rich does not feel in the slightest degree depressed by the circumstances which induced him to resign his right to be county commissioner.

Dr. H. A. Bole returned on Saturday last from St. Paul accompanied by his wife. While in the East the doctor purchased a large stock of drugs, stationery and fancy goods, which added to the handsome assortment in those lines which he has now on hand, will make one of the finest stocks in the town.

Dr. Carroll, physician to Winston's outfit, made us a pleasant call on Saturday. He was on his way to visit St. Paul and to meet his wife, from whom he has been separated for several months. The Doctor will locate in Bozeman during the winter months and attend to the hygienic interests of that thriving burg. May his star never wane and his shadow never lessen.

Mr. Frith, of Dunn & Frith, Huntley, called at our office a few days since. His cousin, Miss Douglass, a clever and highly accomplished young lady, late arrived from Edinburgh, Scotland, is paying him a visit. If there is anything more than another [illegible] needs it is ladies of he[illegible] are pleased to hear [illegible] remain in this co[illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS

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[illegible] Northwestern trunk [illegible] and businesss has been [illegible] old tariff. There has been no [illegible] of the various causes of differen[illegible] and the compact for the cessation of hostilities will be effective for one year only.

A great conflagration is reported from Jamaica, one of the largest of the West India Islands. Kingston, the capital of the island and a city of 40,000 inhabitants has been devastated to the extent of $25,000,000. The whole business part of the town was burned.

C. Livingston, of St. Paul, publishes in the last issue of the Railway Journal a few columns of tall statements about his town up the valley. He evidently thinks that correspondence to a boom periodical gives him license to draw on his imagination to an unlimited extent.

If the papa of "Berry" and Harry could hear his darlings crying, "Why doesn't papa ever come home?" and would call to mind Feb. 16, 1863, No. 116 Terpischore street, death alone would keep him. Mamma's life at stake; do come. Eastern, Western and Southern papers please copy. —[Personal in Pioneer Press.

The philanthrophy of ex-President Billings, of the North Pacific railroad, is well known throughout the Northwest on account of his generous gift of $10,000 to the town of Billings for the building of a church. It appears from the following, taken from the Washington Republican, that there is another little town way down in the staid old commonwealth of Vermont, which has felt the genial influence of Mr. Billings' beneficence: "The Hon. Frederick Billings, of Woodstock, Vt., has built and presented to the Congregational church of that town a parsonage costing $15,000. He had previously [illegible] church a chancel costing $[illegible]