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JANUARY

SHOE

CLEARANCE SALE

Four Styles Men's Calf, Goodyear Welt Shoes (lace), reduced from $4.00 to $2.50. Every pair a winner and not an old or shop-worn one in the lot.

Ladies' Quilted Juliets, fur trimmed, brown and black, at $1.25. These goods arrived too late for the Holiday trade, so will rush them out at this remarkable price.

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PHYSICIAN and SURGEON.
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PHYSICIAN and SURGEON.
Rooms 6 and 7, First National Bank building. Night calls answered at office.

HARRIET FOXTON-CLARK, M. D., C. M.,
PHYSICIAN and SURGEON.
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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office over First National Bank.

FRED H. HATHHORN,
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Office—Room 4, First National Bank Building. Billings, Montana.

JAS. R. GOSS,
LAWYER.
Office First National Bank Building.

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LAWYERS.
Room 18, Belknap Block.

CHARLES L. HARRIS,
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MATTING,
LINEOLEUM,
WINDOW SHADES,
DRAPERIES,
CURTAIN POLES,
SASH RODS,
LACE CURTAINS,
PORTIERES,
TOYS, TOYS.

THOS. CHAPPLE. CHAS. J. CHAPPLE.
GEO. SETZLER.

SETTLE DOWN TO WORK

The Sixth Session of the Montana Legislature Begins to Introduce Bills.

SESSIONS ARE SHORT

Standing Committees Appointed. Gruwell and Losekamp from Yellowstone Fare Well.

Both branches of the state legislature convened in their respective chambers Tuesday morning. In the house, Speaker Stiff administered the oath of office to those representatives who were not present when the house was organized Monday. They were Representatives Losekamp of Yellowstone and Finn of Cascade. It was about the only business transacted the house adjourning at 11 o'clock to meet at the Auditorium to hear the governor's message.

The senate did practically nothing beyond meeting, hearing the minutes of Monday's session and taking adjournment to the Auditorium. Neither branch met in the afternoon, the adjournment covering the time until Wednesday morning.

Wednesday.

The members of the legislature had hardly sufficiently recovered from the reading of the governor's message to get down to good work. The senate met at the usual time. The committee on rules reported the result of its labors in framing a set of rules to govern that body, the rules being largely those of the Fifth legislative assembly. The senate ordered printed 2,000 copies of Governor Smith's message.

The president of the senate announced his committees. Senator Gruwell of Yellowstone county was made chairman of the committee on irrigation and water rights and a member of the following committees: Federal relations, stock growing and grazing and public morals.

Senator Whitesides gave the first notice of the introduction of a bill. He informed the senate that he proposed to introduce a bill for the creation of a commission to be known as a horticultural commission, to look after the horticultural interests of the state. At the afternoon session notices of the introduction of bills were given as follows, after which the senate adjourned:

By Connelly, regulating the present and future assignment of wages.

By Whiteside, amending the laws in regard to insurance.

By Myers, relating to road laws; also creating the Twelfth judicial district, to be composed of the counties of Ravalli and Granite.

In the House.

But little business was transacted by this body. The speaker announced that he would appoint his committees on Thursday.

Under the head of petitions, the following petition was presented for a "Rest Day" as follows:

"We, the undersigned, business men, women, firms and corporations of Montana, do hereby respectfully and earnestly petition your honorable body to enact a civil Sunday rest law, applicable to the business mentioned opposite our names. But we who are druggists desire the privilege, on bell calls, of selling medicines, etc., when necessary to relieve immediate suffering. It is our desire that the penalties of this law be adequate to insure its proper enforcement."

Johnson of Carbon gave notice of the introduction of a bill concerning the election of road supervisors and defining their powers and fixing their compensation.

In view of the fact that the house would not be ready to transact any business till the speaker had announced the committees the house adjourned.

Thursday.

Both houses held short sessions this morning. The principal event in the house was the presentation of Speaker Stiff's announcement of the appointment of standing committees. Losekamp of Yellowstone was placed at the head of the committee on immigration and made a member of the committees on irrigation and water rights, apportionment and representation, railroads and transportation, fish and game.

The following notices of introduction of bills were given:

By Garr, a bill to provide for the election of road supervisors and to amend the present road law. By Truscott, a bill entitled an act to amend section 516 of the Code of Civil Procedure, by adding one subdivision thereto, and to amend section 517 of said code by repealing subdivision three thereof; also, a bill to amend section 4653 of the Political Code, relating to the compensation of witnesses in courts not of record, and on coroner's inquests. By Hedges, a bill to amend sections 3821, 3822, 3823, article 2, chapter 6, title 10, part 3, Political Code, relating to the ending of the fiscal year and the filing of reports of state and county officers. By Kelly, a bill to amend sections 891 and 895, Code of Civil Procedure, relating to attachments. By Shovlin, a bill to amend section 592, Code of Civil Procedure. The house then adjourned until Friday morning.

In the Senate.

The senate has cleared its decks for action in regard to bills. This morning three bills were read the first and second times and referred to the committees. Senate bill No. 1 was introduced by Senator Myers of Ravalli, senate bill No. 2 by the same senator and senate bill No. 3 by Senator Connolly of Granite.

Senate bill No. 1, which went to the committee on roads and highways, repeals house bill No. 266, passed by the last session, defining the powers and duties of highway officers, road supervisors and vacating, opening, laying out or changing highways or roads, and re-enacts and revives any and all laws, legislative acts and parts of legislative acts repealed by that bill.

Senate bill No. 2, referred to the judiciary committee, provides for the creation of the Twelfth judicial district, to embrace the counties of Granite and Ravalli, and changes the boundaries of the Third and Fourth judicial districts, from which the Twelfth is to be created. Thirty days after the bill becomes a law the governor is to appoint a judge to serve until the next general election.

Senator Connolly's bill, S. B. No. 3, proposes to regulate the present and future assignment of wages. It provides among other things that assignments of wages shall be void unless made for debt actually existing at the time of making the assignment and of sufficient amount to cover the expected wages assigned.

Two notices of the introduction of bills were given: By Tierney, amending the law in regard to the state arid land commission; by Stanton, defining the liability of railroad companies in relation to damages sustained by employes.

The senate today received the first authoritative notice of the senatorial contest from Flathead county, that has been instituted by Mr. Geiger against Fred Whiteside, in the shape of a sealed package from the secretary of state. The package contained the notice of contest, statement of contest, commission authorizing the taking of depositions, and an envelope containing three keys and the dpositions. The papers and keys were referred to the committee on privileges and elections. Just where those keys come in was not shown to the senate today.

Senator Clarke from Madison county was granted two days leave of absence on account of private business.

An adjournment until 10:30 Friday morning was taken.

CITY COUNCIL DOINGS.

Routine Business Transacted and a New Alderman Elected.

The first meeting in the new year of the city council was held in the fire hall Tuesday night. Roll call found Aldermen Connelly and Williams absent, the latter being still absent in the Klondike region. But little business came before the august body other than the usual allowance of bills, which were as follows:

A. L. Babcock Hardware Co., hay and feed	$ 4 25
Donovan & Spear, coal	89 85
H. W. Rowley, agent, room rent for city engineer	12 00
G. W. Stoddard, wagon work	3 00
Nina J. Browne, typewriting	2 00
C. R. Stoll, flushing hydrants	3 00
H. M. Allen & Co., lumber	1 73
Thos. McGirl, rebate taxes	4 00
A. S. Gass, sprinkling streets in September	70 00
P. M. Gallaher, services city engineer, ten days in December	70 00
W. J. Youmans, assigned bill of M. Burns, hay	8 89
Billings Water Power Co., lights for December	199 00
T. R. Hinds & Co., cash paid for tapping sewer	5 00
Gust Seipp, shoeing fire team, six months	18 25
Yellowstone county, for destroying Russian thistles	18 00

The city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for doing the city printing for the year 1899, and to also see about purchasing some file cases in which to keep the city papers and preserve the same. It was also suggested that the clerk open an office in the room with the city engineer in the Belknap block.

The council, realizing the necessity of having a full membership, which it has not had for nearly nine months past owing to the continued absence of Alderman Williams, decided to take upon itself the duty of declaring the office of Mr. Williams vacant and electing someone to fill the position. Thos. Linton was elected by a unanimous vote as alderman to succeed Mr. Williams.

This completed the business and the council adjourned.

Sousa's celebrated band will soon play an engagement in Helena.

IT IS A HOT NUMBER

Votes for Senator in Helena Said to Be Worth $20,000 Apiece.

WILL BE NO CAUCUS

Of the Democrats, It is Thought—A Secret Caucus Was Held by the Republicans.

Helena, Jan. 4.—(Anaconda Standard Special.)—And W. A. Clark came also. He arrived on this evening's train from Butte, accompanied by his friend, Jack Hoy. Backed by such an able lieutenant as Jack Hoy, W. A. Clark is now prepared to make the fight of his life, the same old fight of his life that he has made on several previous occasions and always with the same result. In addition to the Butte talent enumerated, several prominent gamblers and influential sports and heelers of the city of Helena are zealous workers in the Clark vineyard. They are burning with the desire to purify politics on the Clark plan.

As it looks at present there is not a possibility of a caucus before the voting begins next Tuesday. Mr Conrad has eight or ten men that he defies the devil and all his works to pull away from him. Joseph K. Toole has six or eight men who swear that Clark and Rockefeller together haven't money enough to buy one of them. The Matts contingent, some thirty odd men, are as true to Matts as steel, notwithstanding that the price of votes is said to have gone up to $20,000 apiece.

The most uncertain quantity are the fourteen republican votes. Nobody takes any stock in the assertion that they are going to stand together for Tom Marshall or any other republican candidate. Some of them openly admit that after the first ballot they are going to scatter to the various democratic candidates. Once the scattering begins Clark, of course, will get the scatterers, but even if Clark got every one of the fourteen republicans he would still be a long way shy of a majority in the joint ballot. People who have seen W. A. Clark in his grand and fofty tumbling acts before are not seriously disturbed by tonight's sensational pro-Clark features.

Democrats Will Not Caucus.

Helena, Jan. 5.—(Butte Inter Mountain special)—A house caucus has been called for this evening to reach some conclusion upon committee clerkships, a host of candidates of both sexes having swept the solons off their feet. It is reported there may be an effort to hold a caucus on senator, too, but no one knows whether it will develop. W. A. Clark made his first appearance upon the scene last night. The coming of the chief of the Clark forces has increased the activity of the workers for the Butte banker.

A Secret Republican Caucus.

Helena, Jan. 4.—(Anaconda Standard special.)—The republican members of the legislature held their senatorial caucus. All present pledged their honor to keep the proceedings absolutely secret. It is rumored, however, that there was a sharp division of opinion on the proposition of voting for a republican from first to last. This report cannot be confirmed. The republicans present will not say a word.

BILLINGS TO GILT EDGE.

A Petition for a New Daily Mail to the Northern Country.

S. H. Erwin of Roundup, who has been in the city for a few days, has been circulating the following petition, which has been signed by every business man in Billings to whom it was presented:

"Billings, Mont., Jan. 4, 1899.—To the Honorable Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.; We, the undersigned residents of Yellowstone county, state of Montana, and patrons of the offices along proposed route, do hereby respectfully petition and earnestly ask that a six-times-a-week mail route be established, to commence at Billings, Yellowstone county, Montana, and run, via Shannon's ranch (N. O.) to Roundup, Yellowstone county, Montana; thence to Highfield, and to its terminus at Gilt Edge, Fergus county, Montana, supplying, in addition to existing offices on said route two additional offices, to be petitioned for, to be located between the offices of Highfield and Gilt Edge, Fergus county, Mont. We respectfully represent that the establishment of said route will be highly appreciated by the patrons of the respective offices to be supplied, and will add to the efficiency of the service and be in the interests of the same. Said proposed route will follow a regularly established county road and will be open at all seasons of the year."

The establishment of this route would be a great convenience to Billings and also to the people of Roundup and Gilt Edge, both of which now have poor mail facilities. It also would accommodate many people on Flatwillow and through that section of the country, where several of the star routes, taken at too low a figure by foreign contractors, have been abandoned. This new route would not interfere in any manner with the route from Lavina to Ubet and the people of Billings are especially anxious to have it established.

"THE DE-SU-AH."

The Young Men of Billings Perfect a Social Organization.

A social organization known as the De-Su-Ah has been perfected in this city with the following officers and members: President, Jas. H. Johnston; vice-president, Will Morse; secretary, Will Riefenrath; treasurer, Lee Mains.

Membership—Geo. Setzler, Tom Chapple, Allen Farrell, Chas. Chapple, John Reece, Fred Hathhorn, Dr. H. E. Armstrong, Fred Rixon, J. E. Hughes, W. E. Henry, W. O. Allen, Leo Carper, W. H. McCormick, J. M. Seaman, Vigo Lieberg, H. V. Bailey, A. J. Sayer, T. G. Griggs.

The president will call a meeting at the request of members.

An imperial edict, issued last Friday, remarks that China is "passing through a severe crisis in her history." It reminds viceroys and governors of the numerous edicts that have been issued lately ordering administrative reforms, points out that many of these have not been obeyed and commands the immediate institution of reforms in the methods of training troops, in manufacture, in agriculture and in everything likely to conduce to the prosperity of the empire. It directs the viceroys and governors to memorialize the throne within a month that these reforms have been inaugurated.

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