

At The Fashion

Great things on all counters and center tables from every department in the house. Inventory brought many good things to be closed before spring goods arrive, which is in the near future. Every lady in the country and city should see this line.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS.

WEST BOUND.	
ARRIVES. DEPARTS.	
Mail No. 1.....	8:00 p. m. 8:10 p. m.
EAST BOUND.	
ARRIVES. DEPARTS.	
Mail No. 2.....	8:00 a. m. 8:10 a. m.
RED LODGE BRANCH.	
ARRIVES. DEPARTS.	
Accommodation.....	7:10 p. m. 7:00 a. m.
Daily Except Sunday.	
GEBO, BRIDGER & CARBON BRANCH.	
ARRIVES. DEPARTS.	
Accommodation.....	6:40 p. m. 8:05 a. m.
Daily except Sunday.	
H. N. KENNEDY, Agent.	

BURLINGTON TRAINS.

EAST BOUND.	
DEPARTS.	
Passenger No. 42.....	8:30 a. m.
Freight No. 46.....	10:05 a. m.
WEST BOUND.	
ARRIVES.	
Passenger No. 41.....	7:03 p. m.
Freight No. 45.....	8:00 a. m.
J. L. HARRINGTON, Agent.	

BILLINGS POSTOFFICE.

General Delivery... 7:30 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.
Sundays... 9:00 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.
Money Order Dept... 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

MAIL CLOSURE.

Train No. 1—Western... 7:45 p. m.
Train No. 2—Eastern... 7:45 a. m.
Train No. 11—Red Lodge, Mont., and Big Horn county, Wyo... 6:30 a. m.
Great Falls stage... 8:45 a. m.
L. F. BABCOCK, Postmaster.

LOCAL NOTES.

—Any kind of candy, 25 cents a pound, at Mack's tomorrow.

—A. P. Wheat of Columbus was a visitor in Billings yesterday.

—J. W. Gardner of Laurel was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—A concert and three theaters in one week—Billings is becoming quite civilized.

—County Attorney T. J. Porter of Miles City was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

—C. R. Watkins of Park City was taking in the county metropolis yesterday during the storm.

—Thad S. Cole, a saloon keeper of Sheridan, was attending to business matters in this city Wednesday.

—County Superintendent Burla has been visiting the schools in the western part of the county this week.

—W. A. Talmage, the Red Lodge hardware merchant, was attending to business affairs in this city yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hassler are now domiciled in their home on North Twenty-seventh street and "at home" to friends.

—Hon. Henri J. Haskell, an attorney of Glendive and formerly attorney general of Montana, was a Billings visitor yesterday.

—Roe Emery of the state agricultural college at Bozeman, spent Wednesday in Billings, leaving the same afternoon on a business trip to St. Paul.

—H. C. Alger and E. E. Lonabaugh, well known citizens of Sheridan, Wyo., were visitors in Billings yesterday, en route to the Big Horn basin country.

—S. A. Watkins, a brother of O. R. Watkins of Park City, arrived from Nebraska Wednesday evening with the intention of locating in the Yellowstone valley.

—County Commissioner Pat Lavelle, who was in the city this week, has sold his hotel at Columbus to Chris. Carstensen and will engage in the sheep business exclusively.

—Sheriff Hubbard expects to leave Sunday for Deer Lodge with his prisoner, Wm. Munster, who was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the state penitentiary for forgery.

—The local Knights of Pythias are endeavoring to make the Sanford Dodge company engagement here one of the social events of the season. Tickets are in great demand from members of the order.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith are expected home in a few days from their bridal tour to Salt Lake City. They are on the way, having stopped at Hunter's Hot Springs for a short sojourn.

—The county treasurer commenced the sale of real estate last week on which taxes were delinquent. The sale will continue from day to day for three weeks, when all unsold real estate will be bid in by the county.

—The report comes from Dan Warren and wife that they are now residents of San Juan, Porto Rico, where they intend to go into business as soon as they can secure a good location. Mr. Warren formerly ran the dry goods store in the Lokenamp block in this city.

—Mr. Sanford Dodge has played "Damon" in the romantic drama, "Damon and Pythias," over 400 times and is said to give the finest portrayal of this role of any actor on the American stage today. This company plays at the Billings opera house under the auspices of the local lodge Knights of Pythias, Saturday, Jan. 28.

A COLUMBUS SHOOTING

Ernest Theoleche, a German, Borrows a Gun and Shoots Two People

THEN KILLS HIMSELF

Was a Butcher in Columbus—Being Discharged He Took Revenge on His Employer.

Coroner Townsend received a telegram yesterday forenoon from Columbus, stating that a man had killed two people and then committed suicide by blowing a hole through his head. The coroner left last night for Columbus, but has not yet returned.

The particulars of the shooting as learned from reports are that Ernest Theoleche, German, shot Albert Carleton and a Mrs. Hill and then killed himself. It seems that Theoleche, who was a butcher, had been working in Carleton's meat market, but about two weeks ago was discharged. Ever since then he has been drunk and on yesterday morning walked into the shop and asked Carleton to hire him again. This the latter refused to do, whereupon Theoleche asked Carleton for the loan of his rifle, as he wanted to kill some hogs. The gun was loaned to him, and after starting toward the door he turned and discharged the weapon point blank at Carleton, the ball going through the side of his neck, only making a fleshwound. Theoleche, thinking he had killed his man, left the shop and went to the home of Mrs. Hill, a relative of Carleton, whom he called out of the house and then shot her, the ball penetrating the right leg near the groin. Theoleche then turned his weapon upon himself, the ball entering his head on the left side near the ear and coming out on the opposite side. No cause can be assigned for the rash act of the suicide other than revenge on his employer.

JOHN WILSON ARRESTED.

Charged with Conducting a Lottery by C. E. Warner.

John H. Wilson, the barber, was arrested Wednesday evening in Forsyth by the officers of that place on receipt of a telegram from Sheriff Hubbard notifying them that he held a warrant for his arrest. The warrant for Mr. Wilson's arrest was sworn out in Justice Fraser's court and charged him with having conducted a lottery, which is made a part of the gambling law of this state. It will be remembered that Mr. Wilson has two choice residence lots in this city which he wished to dispose of, as he was desirous of going to Minneapolis to take osteopathy treatment for asthma, which disease has troubled him for years. Of course, he wished to get as much for the lots as he possibly could, and therefore sold chances on a drawing. Nearly all the chances were disposed of and Wednesday, having an opportunity to get as far as St. Paul without costing him any railroad fare, Mr. Wilson went on one of the Rea Bros.' sheep trains and had only reached Forsyth when arrested. Sheriff Hubbard left last night for Forsyth, where he served the warrant on Mr. Wilson and returned with him to Billings last night.

Mr. Wilson can hardly be condemned unless a great many of our prominent citizens also are, as they, wishing to assist him, took chances on his lots. It is said that Mr. Wilson is indebted to Mr. Warner to the extent of about \$800 and the latter on Wednesday tried to have Mr. Wilson liquidate part of the amount and even threatened him if he did not pay something. Failing to do so, it is said that Mr. Warner has taken this means to get even with his debtor. The hearing is being held before Judge Fraser this afternoon, Mr. Wilson being defended by O. F. Goddard.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Does Not Profit by Decision Against Northern Pacific.

The opinion handed down by the United States court this week in the case of the Northern Pacific Railway company vs. the treasurer of Jefferson county, Mont., does not affect this county, although it does several others in the state.

The case involves the right of the state authorities to tax railroad lands within the Northern Pacific land grant which are unpatented, because their character, with reference to minerals or agriculture, has not been determined. The railroad company contended that such right had not existed, but the decision of the circuit court was against the company and the supreme court upholds the opinion.

The Northern Pacific tax matter has been a source of some interest to the people of this state. It first came up in 1893, when the railroad company refused to pay taxes on certain lands within its grant, on the ground that no classification had been made as to whether the lands were mineral or agricultural. The case got into the courts in a test case brought for the purpose of determining the matter. The suit finally found its way into the supreme court of the United States, with the result that the railroad company was defeated.

The Northern Pacific first refused to pay the taxes on the lands in question in 1893. These taxes were not paid until the year 1897, when Chas. Swartz, tax agent of the Northern Pa-

cific railroad, affected a compromise with the county commissioners, Capt. J. C. Bond and Oscar Gruwel, by settling at 50 per cent on the full amounts for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897.

Northern Pacific taxes remain unpaid in several counties, who will profit by having abided their time.

THEY SHIP SHEEP.

Rea Bros. of St. Paul Take One Hundred Cars from This Section.

Wm. Rea, Jr., and David Rea, of the sheep firm of Rea Bros. of St. Paul, were in the city Tuesday and Wednesday, making ready to ship the last of their sheep purchases to St. Paul, where they will be placed on feed for a time and later sent to the Chicago market.

All told the firm shipped about one hundred cars as follows: Twenty-eight from Big Timber, twenty from Park City and forty-eight from Billings.

It will be remembered that the dealers in feed in the stockyards at St. Paul and Minneapolis raised the price on screenings to nearly double its usual price, and feeders were commencing to get "leery" for fear they were going to lose money. Will Rea, in a conversation with the Gazette reporter said that as soon as the price was raised, the sheep feeders instituted a boycott that has resulted to their benefit. They shipped in about 100 car loads of corn meal and fed it instead of screenings, and as a result the price of screenings fell from \$8 and \$8.50 per ton to \$7 and they expect it to fall as low as \$6 which will be about the same as before.

Rea Bros. will complete their shipment of sheep from this valley tomorrow by sending out a train of forty cars for St. Paul.

ADJOURNED COURT.

Judge Loud Called to Helena as a Witness.

Judge Loud on Tuesday afternoon adjourned district court until Thursday morning, as he was called to Helena Wednesday as a witness in a case. The passenger train being late yesterday, the judge was not able to return to Billings before last night. Therefore court was not convened until this morning.

On Tuesday the following probate matters were set for hearing:

- Estate of F. M. Dennis, petition to confirm sale of real estate, Jan. 26.
 - Estate of John T. Ford, petition for order approving sale of real estate, Feb. 2.
 - Estate of William Gidley, final distribution, Feb. 3.
 - In the guardianship of the Carter infants, petition for an order to invest money, Feb. 4.
 - Estate of George W. Ash, final distribution of estate, Feb. 3.
 - Willard Live Stock company, petition for final discharge of assignee, Feb. 4.
 - Estate of Michael Gallagher, final account, Feb. 4.
 - Estate of Charles Miller, final account, Feb. 4.
 - Estate of Hela B. Brockway, hearing of report of administrator, Feb. 4.
 - Estate of Caroline Taylor, petition for order to sell real estate, Feb. 10.
- The court also approved the official bonds of the county commissioners as well as all bonds in probate matters.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

To Be Given in the Opera House Friday Evening, Feb. 3.

- Piano Solo—Valse..... Chopin
- Lora Goddard.
- "Old Mother Hubbard"..... Roscoe Allen.
- Quartets—Tyrolean Chorus..... Martha Tompkins, Ida Lamport, Lora Goddard, Hattie Brayton.
- "Our New Navy in Peace and War"..... Edward Fraser.
- Duet—"Whispering Hope"..... Ida Lamport, Mary Towne.
- "The Witches"..... Edith Lavigne, Lulu Railsback, Stella Hoover, Clara Schmudlach.
- Original Verses..... Hattie Brayton.
- Violin Solo—Selection from Bohemian Girl..... Ellen Stebbins.
- "Sweet Briar Rose"..... Lulu Railsback.
- "Nightfall"..... Cecil Brockway, Maude Gruwel, Marion Thum, Winnie Jones.
- Experiments..... Fred Penrod, Director.
- Spring Song..... Martha Tompkins.
- "Mrs. Maloney on Chinese Question"..... Anna Loftus.
- Song—"The Owl and Pussy Cat"..... Alice Nord, Ellen Stebbins, Clara Schmudlach, Ida Lamport, Mary Towne, Josie Terrell, Hattie Brayton, Martha Tompkins, Harriet Stebbins.
- Shadows in the Life of a Senior.....

STEALS SHEEP.

A Warrant Issued for the Arrest of One John Doe.

Sheep are becoming of no small value when men will steal them. Carl F. Hensen had 120 head, consisting of ewes, wethers and bucks, mysteriously disappear from his ranch about Dec. 23 last, and he has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of one John Doe, true name unknown, charging him with the theft of the same. Although the warrant has been in the sheriff's possession for a couple of weeks, that officer has failed to locate either his man or the stolen sheep.

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A PLEASING MATINEE.

Will Be Given at the Opera House Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Knights of Pythias attraction at the Billings opera house tomorrow afternoon will likely appeal very strongly to local theater goers at the present time. It is a war play—"Prisoner of Spain." The piece comes with endorsement of other cities and is described as being thrilling in the extreme. It takes for its basis of the story and action one of the most sensational episodes of the recent war, the battle at El Caney, near Santiago.

LOCAL ADVERTISING.

Under this heading we will publish notices for 15 cents per line for the first insertion and 10 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. A special rate will be made for notices running one month or longer. No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents.

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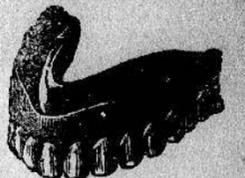
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