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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... 6:45 a. m.
L. F. BABCOCK, Postmaster.

LOCAL NOTES.

—Bert Shorey of Merrill is in the city.

—Pat Lavelle was down from Columbus yesterday.

—Ralph Berry came in last night from a trip to St. Paul.

—A. B. Ramsey is in Sheridan this week photographing the people of that place.

—J. B. Elliott left this week for Fergus county to look after his sheep interests.

—C. B. Towers, the stock broker and merchant of Miles City, had business in the city Wednesday.

—A. A. Campbell, solicitor for the Helena Independent, is in the city today, making his usual rounds.

—City Clerk J. B. Herford returned Wednesday night from a several days' business trip to Carbon county.

—Attorney John T. Smith returned to Livingston Thursday after a few days' attendance on district court.

—St. Valentine's day is February 14. The nicest assortment of valentines at Lieberg, Holmes & Calhoun's drug store.

—Ben Hager, who has charge of the construction of the Northern Pacific sewerage, left yesterday on a business trip to St. Paul.

—The bakery oven in Jos. Parque's restaurant took a tumble to itself last Saturday and it took the brick masons several days to repair it.

—Don't forget that St. Valentine's day is Feb. 14 and that Lieberg, Holmes & Calhoun have the latest valentines.

—T. W. English of St. Paul has arrived in the city and accepted a position with the A. L. Babcock Hardware company.

—T. J. McDaniels of Park City and Tom McDaniels of St. Paul are spending a few days in the city, looking after sheep interests.

—H. J. Gilligan and C. W. Cook, well-known sheepmen of White Sulphur Springs are spending several days in the city this week.

—Geo. A. Berky arrived home Tuesday night on the belated Burlington passenger from a several weeks' trip to his old home in Indiana.

—The city council will meet in regular monthly session next Tuesday night. The regular meeting night is the first Tuesday of each month.

—P. J. Conway, the merchant, came down from his Carbon county home Wednesday. Mr. Conway says that he still calls and writes it Gebo.

—Chas. Ovren, who has been working for the Hennessey Mercantile company in Bette for several months past, returned home Wednesday to remain.

—You are liable to a personal injury at any time. Get paid for it by taking out a preferred accident policy with W. B. George. He has a great proposition.

—Will Ramsey, republican county treasurer-elect, who takes his official position on the 5th of March, returned this week from a sojourn at Hunter's Hot Springs.

—Mrs. A. B. Ward of Billings held the lucky number, 1,142, which drew the piano at The Fashion. The musical instrument was delivered to the lady yesterday.

—G. D. Ball visited Billings Wednesday and gave his residence as Fromberg. One by one the residents of Gebo are succumbing to the new name for their enterprising village.

—The county sick were removed to the Sisters' hospital Wednesday. That institution received the contract the first of the year to care for the sick who come under the county's care.

—Mrs. M. C. Greene, who has been in the city for the past two weeks introducing the reading course of the Chicago Extension Congress society, left this morning for Red Lodge.

—Ambrose Shams of Pawnee City, Neb., a friend of W. E. Hassler, was in the city yesterday on his way to Seattle, where he has accepted a position with a large marble and tombstone firm.

—J. M. Holt, the Miles City stockman, spent yesterday in the city, while en route home from Denver, where he attended the National Live Stock association, of which he was elected vice-president.

—Alfred Noilin arrived in the city Tuesday from Nebraska to go to work

on Larson's ranch, up the valley. He was taken sick Wednesday with pneumonia and is now under the care of a physician.

—J. A. Benjamin returned this week from Red Lodge, where he has been doing photographic work for a week. He says Red Lodge received about four feet of snow during the recent storm.

—R. E. Harkness, manager of the Billings Mercantile company, departed yesterday for New York and the east. Besides buying new goods he will enjoy a couple of weeks rest from store confinement.

—Mrs. Mary B. Snyder, for years a resident of this county on the Musselshell, died at Somis, California, on Jan. 21, aged 72 years, 5 months and 20 days. Cause of her death was due to pneumonia.

—David Fratt of Billings has been appointed as a member of the state board of stock commissioners for Yellowstone county. The appointment was made by Governor Smith confirmed by the senate Wednesday.

—Second Lieutenant H. O. Williard, son of Dr. Williard of Lewistown, has been recommended for brevet for the higher grade. Lieutenant Williard was injured in the late Santiago campaign, but has entirely recovered.

—Paul McCormick returned home yesterday morning from Denver, where he attended the annual meeting of the National Live Stock association as a delegate from Montana. He reports a big attendance and an interesting meeting.

—Chas. Trott, who has been in the employ of Jos. Zimmerman in this city for some time, has decided to move his family from Forsyth and they will arrive in Billings next week. Mr. Trott has rented a residence on West Montana avenue.

—Word was received this morning from the "Shantytown" company, cancelling the engagement in this city for next Tuesday night. The next attraction on the boards is Hoyt's celebrated piece, "A Bunch of Keys," which comes on Feb. 15.

—Those who contemplate attending the high school entertainment tonight should have no fear of the opera house not being comfortably warm. Good fires have been kept up in the two furnaces since yesterday morning and the building will be warm.

—John H. Wilson left yesterday for Minneapolis, where he will enter the Northwest School of Osteopathy to take treatment for asthma, which has troubled him for years. Mr. Wilson thinks some of studying osteopathy with a view to practicing the same.

—Lee Eisenberg, proprietor of The Fashion, left the first of the week for a trip to Chicago and New York, where he will purchase newspapers and summer goods. On his return he will be accompanied by Mrs. Eisenberg and children, who have been visiting in the east for some time.

—Governor Smith, having been requested by the Oread institute of Worcester, Mass., to nominate some young woman from this state to whom would be given a free scholarship in the college has appointed Miss Ruth Matheson of Helena, daughter of Walter Matheson, formerly of this city.

—Lieut. S. P. Adams, First cavalry, who has been stationed at Fort Keogh, passed through the city the first of the week en route to Helena, where he took command of Fort Harrison, vice Lieut. P. A. Marquart, Second infantry, who expects to join his regiment now in winter quarters in Alabama.

—Lee Stoddard has resigned his position in the telephone office as night central and was succeeded yesterday by Miss Gussie Jones. Mr. Stoddard has gone to work in the Billings Times

office. Miss Grace McWhirk, who was day central, has also resigned, being succeeded by her sister, Miss Lizzie McWhirk.

—Dr. Henry Chapple continues to improve daily and spent several hours around town Wednesday. He visited the hospital and assisted in receiving the county patients. The doctor has been confined to his bed for over six months and his return to health has caused much rejoicing among his friends and acquaintances.

—Attorney Albert I. Loeb filed in the United States court in Helena Wednesday the petition in bankruptcy of Charles C. Hunt of Gebo. His liabilities amount to about \$9,000, with assets practically nothing. He was adjudged a bankrupt and his case turned over to the referee in bankruptcy, who will hear the case March 21.

—Judge Loud has issued an order permitting Sheriff Hubbard to sell the J. C. Sperry stock at auction, commencing Feb. 8. An invoice of the stock was taken recently, amounting to over \$700, which would nearly cover the attachments if it could be sold for that amount, but at auction it is very doubtful if it brings half of that sum.

—Mrs. John S. M. Neill of Helena, wife of Manager Neill of the Daily Independent Publishing company, and sons, George and Edwin, spent all day Thursday as guests of the Grand, while en route home from an eastern visit. They were passengers on Wednesday night's delayed Burlington, which did not arrive in Billings until 2:30 yesterday morning.

—Belle Smith, colored, has filed an application in the district court for a divorce from her husband, Harvey Moore, claiming abuse of cruelty as her cause. Mrs. Smith came to Billings three years ago from Missouri and has been engaged as a servant in the home of P. B. Moss. When she departed from her Missouri home she left her husband living there. O. F. Goddard has been retained as her attorney.

—It is said that the objection to the expense of any more trials of the Geddes and Welch murder cases is so strong among the taxpayers of Custer county and has been so emphatically expressed to the county attorney that Mr. Porter will, at the next term of court, move to dismiss the actions. "Nigger" Dick, the chief witness against the defendants, since his arrival at the penitentiary, has made an affidavit exonerating all his co-defendants.

—San Francisco Call: There is snap enough in the company playing Hoyt's "Bunch of Keys" this week at the New Comedy theater for two bunches of keys rolled into one. The well-filled house was pleasantly disappointed, for it saw a better "Bunch of Keys" than has been presented here for a long time. Ada Bothner, the "Teddy" of the cast, has steam and ginger hot enough and strong enough to make a Pinckney alley tamale. The piece is interspersed with songs and choruses of the touch-and-go-lively order, and the audience was kept bubbling over with laughter until the fall of the curtain. At the Billings opera house Wednesday evening, Feb. 15.

A COLD SNAP.

The Thermometer Drops as Low as 45 After the Blizzard.

The blizzard of the first three days of the week was followed by as cold weather as this section has experienced for some years. Wednesday morning the thermometer tumbled down to about 28 degrees under zero; yesterday morning it fell to about 30, but this morning it reached the climax at 45 below.

—And it was cold and has even been so all day. No persons are found loitering on the streets and no one is out unless it is compulsory. Jack Frost was out in abundance this morning, which can be vouchered for by the school children as well as all persons engaged in a business way. A number of school children had frozen ears and noses when they reached school this morning and the teachers were compelled to act in the capacity of nurses for a short time. By applications of snow and kerosene to the frozen members the pupils were made pretty comfortable. The sun has been shining brightly all day and the weather has commenced to moderate slightly.

"A BUNCH OF KEYS."

Another of Hoyt's Celebrated Pieces to Be Rendered in Billings.

San Francisco Chronicle: That the extravagant humor of the Hoyt drama is slow to wither even after many successive seasons, seemed proved last evening when "A Bunch of Keys" was presented at the Comedy theater. This farce comedy is, on the present occasion, handled by a company headed by Miss Ada Bothner, a soubrette of exuberant methods. She played the part of the hoydenish "Teddy" with satisfying vivacity, and was an agile acrobatic leader in the fun of the piece. Miss Frankie St. John, a pleasant-faced little woman, danced gracefully at intervals, and otherwise appeared in the play as "Dollie Dobbs." George F. Hall figured creditably in the role of the lawyer trying to be a boniface, and in the second act gave a specialty of merit. Miss Bothner and her company contrive to strike the genuine key and give a performance that is thoroughly amusing and diverting.

This celebrated play will be produced in the Billings opera house on Wednesday evening, Feb. 15.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

Trustee I. D. O'Donnell Inducted Into Office—Bills Allowed.

The regular February meeting of the school board was held Wednesday night in the First National bank room, with President Goss in the chair and members Ross, Allen, Spear, Mills and O'Donnell present, with Moss absent. Mr. O'Donnell succeeded H. G. Williams as a member of the board and this being his first meeting he was inducted into office and given the right hand of fellowship.

The usual number of bills against the school district were conspicuously absent, and aside from allowing the salaries of teachers and janitors, the following were the only bills presented and allowed:

H. M. Allen & Co., supplies.....	\$ 90
Chapple Drug Co., supplies.....	8 65
Geo. Soule, plumbing.....	75
R. R. Crowe, carpenter work.....	24 30
etc.....	46 01
Donovan & Spear, fuel.....	4 55
H. M. Brayton, freight, etc.....	47 50
W. B. George, insurance.....	

Principal Brayton's monthly report was read and accepted.

The board took the following action, which was introduced by a motion: That in case of three unexcused tardinesses in one month, a pupil will be subject to suspension.

Mr. O'Donnell was appointed to act on the same committees as his predecessor, Mr. Williams.

WHITE CAP JUSTICE.

Man Who Failed to Support His Family Received Merited Punishment.

Word has just reached Billings of a case of whitecap justice which occurred in the Big Horn basin, in Wyoming, last week, where twenty-six men caught John H. Abbott and gave him 108 lashes with whips. Abbott recognized the leader of the party and two others. The cause given for the whipping was that Abbott failed to support his family and kept them in a destitute condition. After whipping him the whitecaps threatened that unless he went to work within three days they would return and drive him out of the country. It is said that Abbott buckled himself up on receipt of the threats and has gone to work.

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.

FOR SALE.—125 tons of hay. Seven miles below Billings, J. H. Dover. 81-3

WANTED.—A girl for general housework at once. Apply at the residence of Mrs. N. G. Carville. 82-11

ESTRAY NOTICE.—One red steer coming 3-year-old; K^c on right ribs near shoulder. One light red steer coming 2-year-old; E+E on left hip. One red bull coming 3-year-old; —D— on left ribs. Any person or persons knowing any thing of the above described stock will please write me at Laurel, Mont., and receive liberal reward for same. C. D. Prather, Laurel, Mont., Jan. 21, 1899. 79-9

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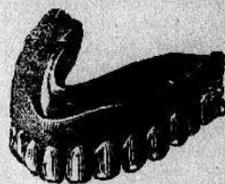
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We cannot complain of the cold for passing unusual records when this store is smashing records every month in the year. We never so fully realized this store's position to Billings shoppers as has been demonstrated this year. And Billings shoppers never so

Our Best Efforts will be at all times directed to save you all we can. WE WON'T BE UNDERSOLD.

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