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A STAG SOCIAL.

The Elks Hold Forth—A Time Long to Be Remembered.

The Elks' stag social Saturday night was one of the events of the season and those present would not have missed it for a good big sum. The event opened promptly at 9 o'clock and continued for three solid hours, with no abatement and those who missed the commencement regretted it—it was better and funnier than any circus seen in these parts for years. A splendid orchestra was present and rendered some fine selections throughout the evening.

F. H. Hathhorn acted as chairman for the occasion and proved an excellent hand at it. The police work done by J. W. Vaughan and "Dad" Holmes, and the costumes worn by them would have put the Billings force to shame. A few members failed to put in appearance at the proper time and warrants for their arrest were placed in the hands of the police, who succeeded in only bringing one lone Elk before the council. Several out-of-town Elks were present and their visit to the order will always be remembered as a rare occasion.

Messrs. H. M. Allen and Frank Damsell, two of our soloists, favored the company with several splendid selections, which called forth much favorable comment. G. A. Griggs, who is more at home sitting on a stool by a piano than any other place, displayed his ability with the keys and was envied by all his fellow-men. S. G. Reynolds has developed great talent of late in the elocutionary line and was called upon to recite a line or two, which he did in a most becoming manner. To say his auditors were pleased would only be putting it mildly, for they nearly split their sides with cachinnation.

The guests of the evening were seated at two long tables, on the ends of which were bowls of champagne and claret punch. The tables were decorated with beautiful roses and ladened with all the delicacies of the season to tempt the inner man. Wit and humor occecupied a prominent place during the feast, flowing thick and fast. Hon. F. H. Foster responded to a toast "The Elks" and as usual made one of his splendid speeches. "Our Guests" was given by Hon. O. F. Goddard, while J. B. Herford, Esq., touched up "Our Absent Brothers," who now wish they had been present. Mr. Lee Eisenberg spoke nicely of "Our Sister Lodges" for the benefit of visiting brothers.

It was a late hour when the happy throng broke up, but all had enjoyed themselves gloriously and even at that hour were loath to disband. The banquet was prepared by the ladies of St. Luke's guild.

MORE BURLINGTON RUMORS.

Reports That It Is Going to Butte Via the Park.

It is reported that an agent of the Burlington railroad has been making an examination of the coal resources on the Shoshone reservation, in Wyoming, with a view of leasing the coal lands from the Indians. He wishes to make a thirty-year-lease for a large acreage. The Indians are not inclined to lease. They anticipate an early sale of the surplus lands of the reservation, which will give them a fund upon which to live, and do not care to complicate affairs by trying to effect the rental of the property. The Burlington's desire to get a lease on these coal resources, once more starts the talk about that railroad extending to Butte by way of the National park, the Shoshone reservation being on the east side of the park. In this connection, the following from the Salt Lake Tribune in confirmatory, except the statement about rails and supplies being piled up at Billings:

A second Burlington surveying party has been sent out from Lincoln, Neb., to Sheridan, Wyo., and is now engaged in running a line south and west toward the Yellowstone park. The party is located at Tolnca, about thirty miles south of Billings, Mont. It is the general belief that the Burlington is now surveying a route to Butte, work upon which will commence as soon as the company has finished the building of the Alliance-Denver and Alliance-Hartville lines. General Manager Holdredge and General Superintendent Calvert were here not long ago and spent some days in the country west of this place. The utmost secrecy has been maintained, but the news leaked out that the Burlington will build through the Big Horn basin to the National park, thence west to Butte, and ultimately to the coast. Not long ago a large quantity of rails were unloaded at Billings and material is arriving every day and is being piled up there.

ADVANCE IN WOOL.

Territory Wools Are Going Upward in the Eastern Market.

The Boston Wool and Cotton Reporter of May 11 says:

The large purchases of territory wools referred to in conjunction with the strong and advancing markets abroad, and a continuously diminishing supply of foreign wools here, have naturally resulted in a decidedly firmer market here and some advance in prices. It is difficult to quote with exactness, but roundly speaking, we should say that there had been an advance of between 2 and 3 cents per scoured pound on territory wools and an advance of about 1 cent per pound in the grease. An advance of about 2 cents per scoured pound is also noted on some lines of pulled wools, while x and xx washed fleeces are held about 1 cent per pound higher (grease price). Medium wools, which were formerly quotable at 20@22c, we should now quote at 21@22c, and some transactions have been made at 23c. Ideas in regard to territory wools vary, but from the actual sales reported, we should say that good fine medium clothing territory wool, containing no staple suitable for worsted mills, was worth 40c, but if it contains staple suitable for worsted mills, fine medium should be worth 42@43c, while strictly selected staple should sell as high as 45c, and, in fact, some sales are reported at higher figures, dependent on the quality of the stock.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED

For Observing Memorial Day at the Custer Battlefield.

The committees from Billings and Sheridan, having in charge the memorial day exercises to be held at the Custer battlefield two weeks from today, met at Crow Agency Sunday and completed all arrangements for observing the day in an appropriate manner. Prof. Hanks of Crow Agency was made master of ceremonies, which are to commence at 11 o'clock p. m. Capt. J. C. Bond of Billings was selected as marshal of the day. Col. Wilbur F. Sanders of Helena, as previously announced, will be speaker of the day. Transportation was secured for the Billings and Sheridan bands. The committee will have a large tent on the ground, which will be in charge of a trustworthy person, where dinner baskets and other parcels can be left with absolute security. The committees have also arranged for the circulation of petitions, which are also to be sent to every G. A. R. organization in Wyoming and Montana for signatures later, asking congress to appropriate $20,000 to be used in beautifying and building a stone wall around the cemetery.

DEALS IN DIRT.

Several Sales of Billings Realty During the Past Few Days.

Real estate sales May 10 to May 15, taken from the records and reported by Carwile & Bouton, real estate dealers:

Mollie C. Nelson and husband to F. L. Mann, lot 22, block 4, Billings; consideration $1.

Frank L. Mann and wife to J. Z. Brewer, lot 22, block 4, Billings; consideration $225.

C. W. Horr to Wm. B. George, lot 6, block 53, Billings; consideration $85.

Geo. F. Carpenter and wife to Virginia F. George, lots 8, 19, 22, block 53, Billings; consideration $75.

E. J. Roberts and wife to Virginia F. George, lots 13, 14, 20, 21, block 53, Billings; consideration $300.

Kate Egan and husband to S. G. Reynolds, lots 7, 8, 9, block 97, Billings; consideration $800.

E. Geughnour to William H. McCormick, lots 19 and 20, block 107, and lots 3 and 4, block 91, Billings; consideration $1,000.

A CARD FROM MR. HOE.

He Takes Exceptions to an Article Published in a Recent Issue of The Gazette.

To the Editor of The Gazette: In your paper of Friday, May 12, you are trying to make out that there was some misunderstanding about me having the contract for making and furnishing the brick for the Billings brewery. Now, in the interest of truth, I wish you would tell the readers of The Gazette that I had the contract for said brick and every condition for the making and delivery of same was well understood in the presence of one of our most prominent business men and that said brewing company, represented here by Mr. Best of Butte, for reasons best known to himself, cancelled the contract next morning and let it to F. Savaresy. P. Hoe.

(The article referred to above was written and published on the authority of Mr. Best, manager of the brewery.—Editor Gazette.)

A RANCH FIRE.

Gordon & Ostrander on Fattig Creek Lose Barns, Corrals and Sheep Pens.

L. L. Moffett, who returned to Billings Saturday from a trip to his Musselshell ranch, reports a fire having visited the ranch property of Gordon & Ostrander on Fattig creek Friday. The fire was first discovered by Mr. Moffett as he came that way, but it had gotten such a good start that nothing could be done, the owners and hired men being absent from the place at the time. A couple of barns, corrals and sheep pens, together with fifty tons of hay were destroyed, while two horses and a few sheep were consumed. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the supposition is that a spark from a pipe caused the whole trouble.

THE COLLEGE MOVEMENT.

Dr. Pearsons, the Philanthropist of Chicago, Will Visit Billings Next Month.

The committee appointed to further the plans for securing the new $100,000 college for Billings has decided to postpone holding a mass meeting for a couple or three weeks, pending the arrival of Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Chicago, who has decided to visit Billings in the early part of June. The committee, upon learning that Dr. Pearsons, who is to give $50,000 toward the college, contemplated visiting our city, thought that nothing could be accomplished if the meeting was postponed until he could be present and address it. This decision does not mean that the committee will be idle in the matter, for it will be agitated, and the opinion of our prominent business men and citizens ascertained. Since the announcement of Mayor Yegen that he would subscribe $1,000, C. M. Bair, who arrived home Saturday night and was told of the movement, stated that he would also give $1,000. So the wheel is started rolling in good shape and all that is needed is for our people to put their shoulders to it and keep it rolling.

NEW SURVEYS ORDERED.

Bridger and Other Carbon County Townships Will Be Resurveyed.

According to advertisements in the papers the general land office at Washington has finally decided that a new survey shall be made of eleven townships in Carbon county, among the number being the one in which Bridger is situated. This news will be hailed with delight by the Bridger Coal company and the merchants and others who have established themselves in business at that new and thriving camp, as the survey, if accepted, will permit of a townsite being laid out and platted. But the news will be of more importance to the ranchers of Carbon county, who are desirous of proving up and acquiring title. Many of them at present have only squatters' rights, although they have lived on their land five years and do not know "where they are at." The completion and acceptance of the survey will take at least a year, it is thought, but that is a short time to settlers who have waited five and six years for the boundaries of their land to be determined.

A DAYLIGHT HOLDUP.

Two Vags Rob a Cowboy in a South Side Saloon.

A holdup in broad daylight and in the presence of several persons is a new thing for Billings, but this is just what occurred in Swim & Brewer's saloon on the south side Sunday evening. A couple of vags who had been lounging around the saloon, in the presence of the bartender and one or two others, deliberately robbed a cowboy named Jimmie Alcott, securing six dollars in silver and a pocket-knife. The matter was reported to the police and Captain Bond soon had one of the robbers behind the bars in the city bastile, but he has since been placed in the county jail and will face a charge of petit larceny this afternoon before Justice Fraser.

ASCENSION DAY.

Billings Knights Templars Hold Services at the Episcopal Church.

The annual Ascension day services of Aldemar Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar of Billings, were held in the Episcopal church on Sunday at 11 a. m. The commandery and a few sojourning Sir Knights met at the asylum at 10 o'clock and donned their uniforms, marching thence to the church, where was present a large gathering. Music for the occasion was rendered by a full vested choir under the direction of Mrs. M. H. Tompkins. Mr. T. J. Bouton sang a solo, "Calvary."

Ascension day is observed in commemoration of Christ's ascension into heaven, forty days after his resurrection. The rector, Rev. A. Carswell, delivered an able discourse, taking as his text these words of the apostle St. Paul to Timothy: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

HOW TO HELP YOUR TOWN.

Good Advice That Is Very Easily Followed.

Push it; talk about it; write about it; speak well of it; help improve it; choke the croker; beautify the streets in every way; patronize its merchants; advertise in its newspapers; prefer home enterprise always; speak well of its enterprising men; if you can't think of some good word to say, keep quiet; if you are rich, invest in something to employ somebody; be a hustler; be courteous to strangers that come among you, so they will go away with a good impression; always cheer up the men who go in for improvements. Your own portion of the cost will be only what is just. Don't kick about necessary public improvements, because they are not at your own door or for fear that your taxes might be raised 15 cents.

A NEW DRUG STORE.

Vigo Lieberg Decides to Re-engage in Business and Will Open a Store.

Billings is to have a third drug store, Vigo Lieberg, who only recently retired from the firm of Lieberg, Holmes & Calhoun, having decided to re-engage in business. He has made arrangements for leasing the lower floor of a fine two-story brick building to be erected by Yegen Bros. on Minnesota avenue, at the corner of Twenty-ninth street, south of Donovan & Spear's. The plans for the new building are now being drawn and the contract for its erection will be let in a few days.

Mr. Lieberg expects to conduct a first-class drug store in every particular. He is a competent pharmacist, a popular young business man and The Gazette is glad to learn that he will continue to be one of us.

General Gomez has informed General Brooke that he can no longer act as the representative of the Cuban army in the distribution of the $3,000,000 appropriated for the payment of the Cuban troops. General Gomez added that he has arrived at this decision with great reluctance and the most friendly feelings towards General Brooke, personally and officially, but he felt he could no longer represent the Cuban army because a cabal composed of many of the subordinate commanders existed to oppose and if possible defeat his plans for partitioning the money.

The First regiment Nebraska volunteer infantry is taking the usual step of respectfully petitioning the division commander, General MacArthur, to temporarily relieve them from duty at the front at Manila. The regiment is badly exhausted by the campaign in which it has taken an active part and not many more than 300 men of the organization are at present fit for duty. On Sunday 160 men of this regiment responded to sick call.

Admiral Dewey will sail from Manila sometime this week in the flagship Olympia. He will go to Hong Kong, where the Olympia will undergo some necessary repairs, then start for America by the Suez canal.

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