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BOTH TEAMS STRONG

And Bringing New Men from Butte. The Home Boys Confident

of Victory.

The Billings baseball team is all ready for the games with the champions from Helena temorrew and Sun-day and much interest is manifested in day and much interest is manifested in the contests. Manager Nix realizes that his team is going against the real thing when it tackles Helena, but says that he is not afraid of the outcome. The players of the Billings team, too, are confident, although they also re-alize they must play good ball to win. They say they are going to take both games from the visitors. games from the visitors.

Both teams are strengthening them-selves for the games. The Helena club will bring along St. Varin, a Butte pitcher, and it is said has secured other new players for the Billings series, which shows that the Helenaites are bringing along the very best men they can get and if Billings wins she will have the honor of beating the best ball players that can be gotten together in one team in the state. The home team has been strengthened by the addition of McNeeley and Flannery, who arrived from Butte this morning. The former is the pitcher who won the game against Helena two weeks ago by a score of 7 to 1, but was knocked out of the box at Butte last Sunday by the Butte & Boston team. That was on account of him getting poor support in the field, however, and all good pitchers occasionally have an off day. Helena was trying to secure him for the Billings games, but Manager Nix "saw him first." McNeeley thinks be can hold Helena down to seven or eight hits, auyhow, and if he does that Billings is almost sure to win. Flannery, the other Butte man, will play third base. He lives in Butte and is said to be one of the best all-around players in the state. The lineup of the Billings team will probably read like this, but the batting order has not yet been ar-

Hines, catcher. McNeeley and Harker, pitchers. Harrity, first base. Rose, second base. Flannery, third base. Smith, short-stop. Scott, left field.

Freeman, center field. Wells, right field. Taylor, Sheehan, Calhoun, substi-

The games will be called promptly at 3:30 each afternoon and the attendance will be large. Everybody is 'pulling" for Billings to win, but the people who understand baseball realize that the Helena boys have had the most practice. They have only lost three

three games. The visitors will arrive in the morning and will be accompanied by a crowd of sports and root-define our wants and bring them define our wants are defined as a define our wants and bring them defined as a define our wants are defined as a defin vorites with their money, too, and will administration."

probably give odds of about 2 to 1, or
"What are the principal demands probably give odds of about 2 to 1, or at least 3 to 2. Billings sports will likely accommodate the visitors who want to bet at these figures, but do not "The creation of a division of irrigation." feel like laying even money. The games are going to be the most hotly contested ever played in Billings and the enthusiasm is at a high pitch.

Bozeman Chronicle: Colonel Sam Gordon has again met with one of those disasters which occasionally over-take him and make life a miserable existence for a few months. The Miles City ball team has again been badly States land laws, and the public con-City hall team has again been badly skinned by an aggregation at Billings. Nothing is so painful to the genial col-onel as this. Defeat from any other forever remain public property, and town could be lived down. But even in this dire calamity he fluds one gleam to gloat over. He says that the Bill-ings ball tossers are all hived men and that when nightfall comes they have no place to lay their heads, and are that when nightfall comes they have no place to lay their heads, and are obliged to seek shelter wherever they may find it, thus accentuating the fact that they are strangers in a strange

BILLINGS Miles City this week says the ball fans down there are betting 2 to 1 that Helena will beat Billings. They can get some of their money covered here if they wish to speculate on that basis.

On account of the rain yesterday afternoon the team did not get out to afternoon the team did not get out to practice, but will be out today. The boys have been practicing steadily since the Miles City games and will show up tomorrow in much better form. They still lack team work, however, and depend on their batting to pull-them careful are the stating. to pull them out of any hole they may get into. It will come pretty near doing it against Helena, too.

THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

Chairman O'Donnell Says Much, Interest Is Being Taken in ft.

I. D. O'Donnell, manager of the Minnesota & Montana Land & Im-provement company returned Wednes-day morning from Helena, where he and C. A. Dewar had been in the interest of the company in its suit in the United States district court against the city of Billings to prevent the sale of the company's city lots for the improvement district taxes. The testimony of the company's witnesses was taken be-fore ex-Chief Justice Blake, who had been appointed examiner, and the testimony of the witnesses for the city will

be taken in about twenty days.

When asked it there were any new developments about the lawsuit, Mr. O'Donnell said:

"No, the examination was very tame, and the lawyers were unusually courteous, owing probably to their small audience. I took advantage of my trip west to do some quiet booming of the National Irrigation congress, which meets at Missoula on September 25, and found considerable interest in the congress among the people I met. Engineer Fortiner of the arid land commission is taking great interest in the

mission is taking great interest in the meeting and will attend."
"What are the prospects for the Missoula meeting?"
"Very favorable, both in regard to the number of delegates and to the prominence and influence of the gentlemen who have promised to attend. As chairman of the executive committee the duty has devolved upon me of writing a great many personal letters to men of promineuce in both national and state affairs urging their attend-ance and co-operation, and from the replies received I should think the Missoula meeting will be a good one. Here is another lot of letters which I am just sending off, about eighty, and they are to agricultural college pro-fessors, engineers and scientists, and the addresses run from New Mexico to as far north as the Canadian north-

"Do the people of the east evince much interest in the subject?" "Not so much as we hope to see when they become better informed with even from Wall street men, who are popularly supposed to use water only in connection with stocks. Men connect-ed with the administration are taking a lively interest in the matter, and several of the departments will send several representatives to Missoula. Irri-gation is becoming to be recognized as an 'issue,' the same as silver or tariff, and cabinet officers and representatives are waking up to the necessity of studying the situation. When once the west practice. They have only lost lines are waking up to the west platt assisted Mrs. Kennedy in receiving ames during the season, but, like the ing the situation. When once the west platt assisted Mrs. Kennedy in receiving and entertaining. Miss Chapple weak clubs with the exception of pretty near obtaining the concessions grouping them on the laws. The weak for, and the irrigation congress. The former will back their fa- prominently before congress and the pleasing to all. Those invited were: Wm. Forsyth.

tion in the department of agriculture; the extension of the work of irrigation investigation already made by the agricultural experiment stations; federal storage reservoirs; the leasing of the public grazing lands, subject to right of reclamation by irrigation and of settle-ment on lands actually cultivated; in other words, subject to the United States land laws, and the public con-

"I'll see you about that later."

ANOTHER MESIGNS.

C. H. Smith Deen't Care to He a Trustee of the County Free High School.

In making out the batting averages of the home team, published last Tuesday, Scorer McFarlin inadvertently day. Scorer McFarlin inadvertently comitted the name of Captain Taylor. O'Donnell was out of the city and C. whose average was .870 in five games played. That is a splendid average for a pitcher and if it could be kept up trustees present; besides, the county from his stick work.

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Was Paid Here This Afternoon for the Thomas Cruse Wool Clip.

400,000 POUNDS

Which Went to Silberman Bros. of Chicago-Clip of Fine Medium Quality.

The Thos. Cruse wool clip, the largest that comes to Billings, was sold this afternoon to Silberman Bros. of Chicago by Wm. Cruse of Helena. The clip, which is a fine medium quality, consists of 400,000 pounds and from what we learned, the price is the best paid in Montana this year. Mr. Cruse got the price he wanted, so he says, and Mr. Guthrie, the representative who bought the wool, seems to be satisfied with his purchase even at so advanced a price.

Silberman Bros. have secured the following consignments since our last

A. W. Stanton, 45,000 pounds. A. C. Newton, 10,000 pounds. The clip of John Burns, reported Tuesday as a sale, was also a consign

The eastern wool buyers, before leav ing this week, presented H. N. Ken nedy, the accommodating local agent of the Northern Pacific Railway com-pany, with a check for \$25, the following note of explanation being enclosed:
"The boys enclose this small check

to show you that we appreciate your kindness in helping us in all ways in your power, and the hard work you have put in to keep things running right this season. "D. Dewey, Jr., "A. W. Elliott,
"J. Koshland,
"H. Francis,

"G. R. Colby." DOMINO WHIST PARTY. Mrs. H. N. Kennedy Extertains in Hono

of Mrs. C. H. Wells of Livingston. Mrs. H. N. Kennedy entertained about fifty lady friends Tuesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. G. H. Wells of Livingston. The rooms were tastefully decorated with bouquets of sweet peas and nasturtiums. The afternoon were pleasantly spent; in playing noon was pleasantly spent in playing domino whist, a game which, although when they become better informed with a new one, proved interesting and regard to the needs and desires of 'Arid pleasing. A series of ten games was America,' but it would surprise you to see some of the letters I have received, Connop, who had the greatest number of markings to her credit. Mrs. Bair and Mrs. Forester both having the same markings, drew for the second prize, a pretty hand-painted cup and saucer, Mrs. Bair being successful. After the conclusion of the games the tables were covered with dainty em-broidered lunch cloths and refreshments were served, consisting of ices and cake. Miss Whaley and Miss Platt assisted Mrs. Kennedy in receiv-

Mrs. Dr. Wells, Mrs. Crippen and Mrs. Connop of Livingston temes Panton, Rixon, Mat Rector, Miller. Cr. Clark, Whaley, R. Babcock, Thoms. Clem. Williams, Bouton, Harkin Child Black Francis Fr. Child, Platt, Emerick, Etse an-sard, Tompkins, Bair, Parker, Cardsard, Tompkins, Bair, Parker, Card-well, Hathhorn, Fraser, Forester, Rademaker, Boardman, Hollister, Hassler, Hammond, Graham; Misses Colvin, Matheson, Chapple, Panton, Minnie Panton, Rixon, Winifred Rixon, Platt, Bessie Platt, Whaley, Hammond, Ida Hammond, Foxton.

FRED TEWS MAKES A JUMP.

on Senstor Grawell's Claim Ousting Proceedings Begun

State Senator C. O. Gruwell, through his attorneys, W. M. Johnston and O. F. Goddurd, has commenced proceed-ings to eject Fred Tews, a former night policeman of this city, who recently jumped or squatted on the ranch of the former near Junction. The ranch in question in an unsurveyed section of railroad land which Mr. Gruwell took up six years ago. He has made some extensive improvements on it, building a house and outbuildings, besides fencing with wire the entire area, and has been cutting the bay from it each year. Last year he got a lease on the land from the owners, the Northern Pacific Railway company. The ranch was jumped a year ago by Claud Shith, but at the April term of the district court Mr. Gruwell secured a decree ousting him and it is likely that Tews will meet a similar fate.

WHOSE HARNESS?

Man Arrested on Suspicion of Having:

Stolen Two Sets, Night Policeman Chas. Sawyer arrested an Irishman named Murray in one of the north side saloons last right. on suspicion of having stolen some har-ness which he disposed of yesterday tosome half-breed freighters. The harness, which is now in the custody of Chief of Police Bond at the fire hall, consists of a half set of work harness and a full set of buggy harness. Chief consists or a hair set or work harness and a full set of buggy harness. Chief Bond is of the opinion that it belongs to someone in the city and if anyone is missing harness they can call at the fire hall and describe their lost property. Murray is held in the meantime until the owner of the harness can be found to testify acquire their found to testify against bim.

PREPARING FOR THE FAIR.

The Directors of the Association are

A meeting of the directors of the Yellowstone County Fair association is being held this afternoon for the pur-pose of deciding upon the dates for the 1899 meeting of the fair and to make other necessary arrangements pertain-

ing to the same.

The directors are enthusiastic for a big event this year and there is no reason why it cannot be made the best and most successful one in the history of Yellowstone county. The directors should be assisted in every way possible by the merchants and citizens.

DEMOCRATS WON.

Lewistown Elects All Democrats Except One Alderman.

In the first city election held at Lew istown on Saturday the democrats won. electing their whole ticket with the ex-ception of one alderman. John P. ception of one alderman. Barnes, for mayor, had a majority of about 74. The only republican elected was John P. Corcoran. The other

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