

NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS.

WEST BOUND. ARRIVES. DEPARTS. Mail No. 1. 1:40 a. m. 1:55 a. m. EAST BOUND. ARRIVES. DEPARTS. Mail No. 2. 7:15 a. m. 7:30 a. m. RED LODGE BRANCH. ARRIVES. DEPARTS. Accommodation. 7:35 p. m. 7:50 a. m. Daily except Sunday. GEBO, BRIDGER & CARBON BRANCH. ARRIVES. DEPARTS. Accommodation. 6:30 p. m. 6:45 a. m. Daily except Sunday. H. N. KENNEDY, Agent.

BURLINGTON TRAINS.

EAST BOUND. DEPARTS. Passenger No. 42. 8:30 a. m. Freight No. 46. 10:55 a. m. WEST BOUND. ARRIVES. Passenger No. 41. 7:35 p. m. Freight No. 45. 6:00 a. m. J. L. HARRINGTON, Agent.

BILLINGS POSTOFFICE.

General Delivery. 8:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. Sundays. 9:00 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Money Order Dept. 8:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. MAIL CLOSURE. Train No. 1—Western. 9:30 p. m. Train No. 2—Eastern. 6:30 a. m. Train No. 42—Burlington. 6:00 a. m. Train No. 21—Red Lodge, Mont. and Big Horn county, Wyo. 6:30 a. m. Stage—Lavinia and north. 6:45 a. m. Stage—Pryor and south. 6:45 a. m. L. F. BABCOCK, Postmaster.

LOCAL NOTES.

Do not miss "Trovatore," Aug. 28. W. J. Youman's has received a car of stucco. Get your seats reserved for "Il Trovatore." Telephone 126 for quick delivery, lumber, lime or stucco. Boston Lyric Opera company. Next Monday evening. School opens Sept. 4 and for school supplies call on M. B. Rademaker. Mrs. L. R. Stockwell contemplates the erection of a large residence soon. Rocky Fork coal cleaned, \$9.75 per ton; better than ever. Donovan & Spear. Real estate and insurance is W. B. George's hobby and he knows how to work it. Rocky Fork coal cleaned, \$8.75 per ton; better than ever. Donovan & Spear. Peters, the tailor, is still leading. See his suits to measure at \$15, pants at \$5, and up. Mary Cortell is suing her husband, Henry Cortell, for a divorce. Both are residents of this city. If you have any real estate you wish to dispose of, just call on W. B. George. He can sell it for you. The Thoreson-Erickson building, which was damaged by the windstorm of last Sunday night, is being repaired. Nelson Story, one of the main stays of Bozeman, intends erecting a four-story brick business building in that city. Are you going to drain your land? Youman's has the famous Union Sewer pipe tile, it's alkali proof and will last a life time. Stewart Polk left this morning for Big Timber with his race horses, which he will enter in the races the last three days of next week. The school census just completed by Mrs. Whitney shows there are about 925 children of all ages up to 21 years in this school district. The comptroller of the currency has approved the First National bank of Omaha, Neb., as the reserve agent for the First National bank of this city. Services at the M. E. church next Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. Jas. Opie. Sunday school at 12 m. and Epworth League at 7 p. m. The Billings Trades' Federation will give a grand parade on Labor Day, Sept. 4. The federation has a membership of nearly 150 and they will all turn out in the parade. Geo. Setzler of this city, who was in Missoula this week attending the Northwest Embalmers' association, was

elected treasurer of the same for the ensuing year.

Grant Lamport, express deliveryman, is taking a month's vacation and together with his family will take an outing. J. D. Platt will attend to the work during Mr. Lamport's absence. The Bridger train went into a ditch near Bridger Wednesday night, in which about ten cars were piled in a heap. Superintendent Horn was up on the line yesterday investigating the cause. Bozeman Chronicle: The Johnson brothers, Chas. Fraubham and others shipped their trotting horses to Big Timber on Monday. After the races these horses will be shipped to Billings. So far nothing has been done toward the carrying out of the law pertaining to the establishment of the county free high school, which was voted for this county nearly three months ago, and it is not likely that anything will be done for a time. Albert Williams and Gertrude G. Edwards came down from Joliet yesterday morning and secured a license to wed from Clerk of the District Court T. A. Williams. They were married at the Cottage Inn last night at 8:30 o'clock by Justice Fraser. Special harvest Thanksgiving services will be held at the Salvation Army tent Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27. On Monday, August 28, there will be an auction sale of the goods thus donated, the proceeds of which go to assist the local territorial funds. The Billings public school will convene on Monday, Sept. 4, at 9 o'clock a. m. The scholars will assemble in their respective rooms for enrollment and advancement and receive the assignment of lessons, when school will be dismissed until the next day—Tuesday. State Veterinarian Knowles of Helena, in writing about the 800 horses which died in the Northern Pacific stock yards in this city three weeks ago, says the trouble was not caused by any local poisoning, but from analysis made it is apparent that it was caused by lack of proper nourishment. A war is being waged against the Chinese in Anaconda, after a period of six years since the last crusade against them. It has been caused by reason of the Celestials having gathered so much washing and opening so many restaurants that the "dirty whitemen" have to either consolidate or go out of business. Here in Billings there exists a similar state of affairs. The Chinese make good citizens, in that they are peaceable and law-abiding, but that is all the farther it goes. They spend but little of their earnings here, acquire no property, but send nearly all their "dough" across the water, where they will follow it after they have gotten their fill.

"IL TROVATORE"

What Owen Meredith Said About This Great Opera. "Of all the operas that Verdi wrote, the best, to my mind, is Trovatore; and Mario can sing with a tenor note the last notes in Purgatorio." So said Owen Meredith, many years ago, and Verdi's fame as a composer will endure longer than the marble on which his epitaph is chiseled. Many a famous singer since the time of Mario and Parepa Rosa has been inspired by the grandeur of the music in Trovatore to effort that won increased popularity for both the opera and singer. Not every opera company has the talent and accessories necessary to a satisfactory production of "Il Trovatore," but the name of the Boston Lyric Opera company is so well known that it is a guarantee of a delightful performance. Special scenery and costumes are carried by this large company, and care is given to every detail. The opera house stage has recently been enlarged in order to accommodate the special scenery used by the best companies on the large stages throughout the east. The company will arrive in Billings Sunday night and there will be no disappointment over the prompt raising of the curtain next Monday evening. This will be one of the best attractions ever secured for a Billings audience and a large house is expected. Seats may be had at Holmes & Calhoun's drug store and should be secured early.

THE BILLINGS FAIR.

Big Horse Races, Handicaps and other Attractions. There is every reason to believe that the coming Yellowstone county fair, Sept. 12, 13, 14 and 15, will not only be a big event for the city and county, but one that will attract attention from all parts of the state. The management is doing everything in its power to secure a large list of attractions. The horse races, from various parts of the state, which will be entered in the races at Big Timber next week, will come to Billings for the fair. There are between thirty and forty horses there and this means a treat to all visitors to our fair. Arrangements are being made for a series of four ball games, one for each day of the fair, with the Helena and Butte teams and good crowds are expected from each of those places, especially on the days their home clubs play. The Northern Pacific has granted a rate of one fare for round trip from any point on its line or branches, and from the fact that this is an exceedingly low rate, many visitors are expected. The Burlington will also likely grant a similar rate on its line and there is no doubt but what many will take advantage of the same.

A DOUBLE RECEPTION

Is Given the Returning and New Pastors of the M. E. Church. A very pleasant affair was the farewell reception to Rev. Jacob Mills and the greeting tendered Rev. Jas. Opie at the M. E. church Tuesday night by the members and friends of the church. Nearly one hundred people were present and the occasion was a most sociable one. The church had been prettily decorated with vases of flowers and the interior was given a homelike appearance by the use of rocking chairs, rugs and puttees. Some little time was spent in social conversation, then a short program was rendered, consisting of songs and addresses. Mrs. Barstow and Mr. Ladbury each sang a solo and Mrs. Barstow and Mr. Hassler a duet. R. R. Crow and Dr. Free each made a short address in behalf of the church and Epworth League, respectively, pertaining to the work of the former pastor, bidding him God-speed and giving the new pastor a general friendly welcome. Then Rev. Mills was called upon for a few remarks, in which he spoke of the work of the church, closing with a few words of welcome to his successor and asking the members to rally to his support. When he had finished Rev. Opie was announced and made some very appropriate remarks. He was followed by Rev. Clark of the Congregational church, who spoke very feelingly of the work of the church in relation with its pastor. At the close of the exercises those present were served with ice cream, sherbet and cake, the balance of the evening being spent in conversation and a general good time. Rev. Jacob Mills left the next morning for Helena to enter upon his duties as presiding elder of that district. During his pastorate here of one year, as supply for Rev. Smith, he has done some good work, having added spiritual life to the church which will always be felt, and he leaves with regrets from many, but at the same time with well wishes and prayers from all. Rev. Jas. Opie, who succeeds him, comes to this city highly recommended as a strong worker and judging from the way he has entered upon his pastorate, bears out the statement. He is an interesting talker, not only in the pulpit, but out as well and being a young man knows how to reach the young people.

SALES OF MONTANA CATTLE.

Some Good Prices Paid in Chicago for Beef. Chicago, Aug. 23.—The following sales of Montana cattle took place today: Coburn, eighty-three, weight 1,260, price \$4.80; fourteen heifers, weight 1,055, price \$4.25; Milner, 189, weight 1,360, price \$4.65; forty, weight 1,025, price \$3.75; Beach, ninety-two, weight 1,225, price \$4.40; Kolrsy, fifty, weight 1,140, price \$4.80; sixty-three, weight 1,080, price \$4.10. Cattle receipts, 22,000; 4,000 western; market steady. Western sheep steady, \$8.80 to \$4.

PERSONAL POINTS.

D. Pratt is home from a business trip to Chicago. Mrs. Maude Grawell is home from a visit to Butte. C. S. Haire, the Helena architect, is in the city today. Hugh DeHart of Cokedale is in the city today on business. Bert Shorey of Merrill spent a couple of days in the city this week. Rev. Clark and family arrived home Tuesday from Chico Springs. John T. Murphy, the cattle king, from Helena, was here Wednesday. Roland Potter returned the first of the week from Hunters Hot Springs. J. W. Chapman and wife of Hart Mountain are visitors in the city today. B. Thoms and wife arrived home Wednesday evening from their eastern trip. Mrs. Johnston of Butte is a guest of the family of State Senator C. O. Grawell. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hardin of Rochester, Wyo., were visitors in the city this week. E. B. Carter is back in Billings again after a few weeks business visit in Lewistown. E. E. Gould and wife have gone to Hunters' Hot Springs for a couple of weeks' sojourn. Mrs. O. F. Geddard and children returned home yesterday from an outing on the Boulder river. A. D. O'Donnell is in the western part of the state on business pertaining to the irrigation congress. C. E. Reator, yardmaster for the Northern Pacific, left this morning on a business trip to St. Paul. Superintendent Horn of Livingston came in last night from a trip to Bridger on a tour of inspection. Mrs. Geo. W. Hubbard and children are spending a week with Mrs. Tom Sayles at the latter's ranch home near Park City. Mrs. T. A. Williams and two youngest children, who have been visiting in Duluth for several weeks, returned home Sunday. Mrs. D. Pratt and Mrs. Jos. Sims left this morning for a sojourn to Hunters' Hot Springs, that popular summer resort in Montana. E. W. Taylor, of the hardware department of Yegen Bros. department store, has gone to Iowa on a visit to relatives and friends. E. E. Vaill of Red Lodge, cashier of the Carbon County bank of that place, was a business visitor in the Magic City Wednesday evening. Mrs. Ed. Cardwell and children, who have been spending the summer at their ranch home near Merrill, have returned to Billings for the winter. W. H. Ross is home from Butte where he attended the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. He reports a large attendance and a general good time. Dr. J. H. Rinehart returned home last Wednesday night from a four weeks' visit to various eastern points, a vacation which he greatly enjoyed. Mrs. O. H. Gould of Lincoln visited in Billings Wednesday while on the way to Miles City to visit her husband, who is live stock collector for the Burlington. H. W. Ingalls, local editor of the Red Lodge Picket, was in the city Wednesday to meet his wife, who was going to her new home in Red Lodge from Glendive. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Kennedy and mother and Misses Cora McCormick and Anna Rixon were entertained at dinner Wednesday evening by Mrs. C. M. Child. The Misses Mary and Hattie Brayton will leave in a couple of weeks for Lincoln, where they will enter the Nebraska university for the ensuing school year. A. Haas and family of Omaha were guest of the Grand hotel several days this week. Mr. Haas is interested with Hysham Bros. of Red Oak, Ia., in the cattle business. Herman Smith, nephew of P. H. Smith, attended the Northwest Embalmers' convention at Missoula this week and took a course in embalming, so as to prepare himself for work in his uncle's establishment. Wolvory A. Gardham of Ashwell, England, arrived in the city Wednesday from his home across the briny deep, and left yesterday for a visit to his old friend, H. A. Lowther, at the latter's ranch near Roundup. B. L. Nix returned Wednesday from Seattle. He will leave tonight with his coteries of base-ball sluggers for Helena, where they will play a series of three games, and unless we badly miss our guess they will win at least two of them. Mrs. J. C. McQuinn and children have returned from a visit to the family of Geo. Treischman at Fort Yellowstone and a tour of the National park. They were accompanied home by Belle Treischman who will visit here for a time. C. M. Bair and W. L. Linton left yesterday for Hunter's Hot Springs to join their families for a few days' outing. Mr. Bair expects to join the contingent for Helena in the morning to see the ball games. Henry Lovell came in from his Wyoming ranch this morning with his guests, Mrs. Judge Tensdale and three daughters of Kansas City and Mrs. Clark, who were on their way home. The ladies thought that there was no climate to compare with this, for during the five weeks they have been at Mr. Lovell's they gained from five to ten pounds each. The Dawson county fair will be held at Sidney, Sept. 30, 31 and 22.

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TOO MUCH DIP USED. Measurements show that it was Three Times as strong as Necessary.

In order to ascertain the exact proportion of solution in which C. M. Bair's fine Merino bucks were dipped Sunday, and from the effects of which nearly 100 have already died, measurements of the vat at the stock yards were taken Tuesday by A. A. Morris and Fred Foster in the presence of several witnesses. The first dipping had been turned out, but from the outlines left at the sides of the vat it was ascertained that the total contents of water and carbolic acid had been 820 gallons, or about thirty-two gallons of water to 1 gallon of dip, when the proportion should have been 8 1/2 gallons of dip to the total contents. The contents of the second dipping was still in the vat and despite the fact that it had remained there three days the odor was so strong that the clothing of those who worked around it smelled of carbolic acid for hours afterward. The measurements of this dip showed a total contents of 1,047 gallons, which included thirty gallons of dip, when the proportion should have been thirty-four gallons of water to one gallon of dip. Not over 10 1/2 gallons of dip should have been used in this instance. The exact status of affairs is that the inspector used three times as much dip as was necessary, which made it so strong, that when the sheep's heads were plunged under the dip, what little they inhaled caused their deaths. Although there are about one-third of the number living, they seem to be of little account and should they survive it is a matter of conjecture whether or not they can withstand the winter or be of value as breeders.

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. WANTED.—General agent for the largest natural premium life insurance company in the world, for southeastern Montana. Mark T. Kady, P. O. box 997, Portland, Oregon. 35-4

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