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POKES FUN AT BILLINGS.

Colonel Gordon on the Proposed Street Car Lines.

Yellowstone Journal: The city council of Billings at its last meeting refused to further encourage the already widespread fad of distributing the population over the suburbs, by denying the petitions of two citizens for street railway franchises. It is learned that W. B. George, one of the petitioners, had in view a line from the fair ground to the junction of Columbus and 232nd st., while Austin North the other petitioner, contemplated a belt line that would include in its sphere of usefulness the rim-rock boundary to Billings' greatness and the aboriginal colonies of Plenticoues et al. on Clarke's Fork and Fryer Creek. There was the merit of breadth and scope to each of the propositions that was truly Billingsesque, but there is a growing feeling among the more conservative citizens to keep the townsite within the limits of Yellowstone county, hence the renaissance of the Billings of 1884, when a real street car was always to be seen on the main street, was denied the boomers. Old timers will recollect this car. It was moored for safety and accommodated an enterprising peanut vendor.

PLEASANT HOME WEDDING.

Arthur Hart and Miss Gussie Jones Are United in Marriage.

A pleasant home wedding was solemnized at the country residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jones, southwest of Billings, Wednesday night, when their eldest daughter, Miss Gussie, was united in marriage to Arthur J. Hart. The house was nicely decorated with house plants, vines and flowers of all descriptions. The ceremony was performed at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. W. D. Clark, pastor of the Congregational church, and was witnessed by nearly thirty-five guests. Lee Stoddard acted as best man, while Miss Maud Hart, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. Following the ceremony came the bestowal of hearty congratulations, after which delicious refreshments were partaken of, the bride and groom, bridesmaids and best man, parents and the minister and his wife being seated at a large table, while the remaining guests were served from small tables. Mr. and Mrs. Hart were kindly remembered by many gifts, both of a beautiful and useful nature. The bride and groom are both well and favorably known to our people, having lived here nearly all their lives, and The Gazette joins with many others in extending congratulations and well wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have already gone to housekeeping in the cozy home on South Thirty-first street, prepared by the groom, where they will be at home to friends after October 20.

IN BUSINESS CIRCLES.

Billings Merchants Anticipate a Large Fall and Winter Trade.

There are excellent prospects that this fall and winter's trade will be the best ever enjoyed by the merchants of Billings, the ranchers and stock growers all over this section having had an unusually good season, and the wages disbursed among the workmen having been greater than ever before. It is a matter of contemplation that there is not an empty store room in Billings and there are several demands for immediate use. Three new store buildings are now in course of erection and two more will be in the next week or ten days, but these are already engaged and will not relieve the pressure in that particular. Billings has for some time had the name of being the best business city in Montana, aside from Butte. There are several inquiries for business locations, which will probably become permanent fixtures during the next two months.

The past two weeks have not been quite as lively as expected, but now that winter is approaching trade is living up. The new fall and winter stocks are attracting many people, who are buying heavily. The continued good times have made money more plentiful and acting on this theory the merchants have made some large purchases. Women generally have not been buying for the last two weeks, but were waiting for the complete displays of goods. They can now be seen on the streets and in the stores daily.

Freighters are coming into the city and loading out with supplies for the ranches and country stores, and this line of business will be more active in a few days. The local merchants are also anticipating a large holiday trade and are already placing orders for that season, which is but a few weeks distant.

CANT LEVY SPECIAL TAXES

For School Purposes—So Says the Supreme Court of Montana.

The supreme court Monday handed down one of the most important and far-reaching decisions that has come from the highest tribunal in the state for a good many years. The question decided was as to the legality of special elections in school districts for the purpose of providing additional school facilities. As a territory and a state, school districts in Montana have been levying special taxes for the purposes named, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been paid by property owners for the support of the schools in the shape of special school taxes. In the decision handed down the supreme court holds that the law which provides for the levying of these taxes is unconstitutional. The unconstitutionality is in the fact that the law is so crude and vague in its terms that it cannot be intelligently interpreted.

As to the effect of the decision, it means that until a future legislative assembly enacts another law on the subject no school district will be able to levy a special tax. More than that, it means, if the decision is followed out to its literal conclusion, according to the opinion of some lawyers, that all of the money that has been collected in the form of special school taxes, may be recovered in a suit by law. As a matter of public policy the courts may not compel the school districts that have collected special taxes to refund them; but as a plain proposition of law, money collected under an unconstitutional law may be recovered.

SURVEYOR KNOCKED OUT.

He Can No Longer Act as Superintendent of County Roads.

The supreme court rendered a decision last Monday that the law passed by the last legislature, taking from county surveyors the duties and emoluments of general road supervisors and placing the work upon district road supervisors appointed by the commissioners, should stand. The decision prevents any of the county surveyors from drawing the \$5 per day allowed them as general supervisors of roads, under the act of 1897.

In other words, the county surveyor will no longer have supervision of the road supervisors, and in this county it is to be regretted, as County Surveyor Morris has been doing the best work that was ever done on the public highways. The roads in future will be under the supervision of the supervisors elected last April, while the duties of the county surveyor will be the same as they were before the new law was passed. He will survey roads when surveys are ordered by petition, and get \$7 per day for his services, but all work on the road will be done under the direction of the supervisors.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Grand.

Tuesday, Oct. 10.—C H Luderman, H A Berner, Helena; L K Pearson, Iowa; J B Annin, Columbus; H B Day, O Stephens, E Calphr, N K Wessel, Helena; T McGill, Huntley; F M Malone, Miles City; F J Hine, Chicago; F E Krause, Helena; M Jenkins, Wm. Dailey, St. Paul; E W Oir, Montana; J W Fraser, Helena; W C Mitchell, J Church, Neb.; Wm. McMorris, Park City; Otto Becker, Ubat; A R Russell, J Burke.

Wednesday.—W J Morris, Detroit; H Greenwood, Helena; H W McLaughlin and wife, Missoula; C V Peck, Helena; Dr. C W Hack, U. S. A.; R D Hubbard, Mankato; E M Winter, Helena; G Carr, J J Thaum, Oregon; U Brown, Chicago; J L Kelly, Range; F M Malone, Miles City; J P Smith, Ill.; A D Parden, Pa.; J W Hathaway, Livingston; I Smith, Chicago; H Welch, Carbonado; J C McCarthy, Chestnut; K Penson, Portland; C G Branch, St. Joe; E Kennedy, Sheridan; I A George and wife, R L Sharp, Deadwood; T M Laughlin, Deadwood; S Teahon, Omaha; J S Benille, F J Johnson, Deadwood; E L Barnes, Mont.; S A Guthrie, Wyo.; D S Unabacker, C M Nelson, Ia.; S J McShane, Omaha; J H Hay Butte, F G Pickrill; H F Weistheimer, St. Joe; E J Foster, Helena; F J Lange; W Dergley, I Grau, Miss East, Miss Ward, C D Burton, H Lowther, Roundup; W H Stradder, St. Paul; H J Farrell, St. Paul; G S Phillips, Helena; P Flown, Roundup; L Miller, Glendive; A E Anderson, Glendive.

Thursday.—A B Clark and wife, St. Louis; W M Murphy, Merrill; S G Reynolds, J W Guraner, P J McAul, W B George, Sam McGregor, Thos. McGill, Huntley; L M Hughes, N R Wessel, Helena; A Haas, Omaha; HCNutt, Sheridan; J A Eyer, Omaha;

Wm. Underwood, Omaha; John Conway, Grand Island; J H Morris, New York; John Cross, Seattle; C H Underwood, Anaconda; J W Hathaway, Helena; J H Bigger, Chance; R D Hubbard, Mankato; C H Dietrich, Hastings; A W Littlepage, Huntley; G W Knece, St. Paul; B E Mains, Col-dwater, Mich.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Billings, Yellowstone county, Montana, for the week ending Oct. 9, 1899.

Baker, Frank H.; Balanger, J. D.; Bentley, A. H.; Bowman, C. M. (2); Boyd, Geo.; Boyer, J. T.; Boyer, John W.; Brown, C. H.; Campbell, J. Marion; Campbell, W. A.; Chambers, A. D.; Chate, Mrs. M. attie; Conley, John; Cook, D. M.; Cavanaugh, Harry; Crissey, W. E.; Darr, Edgar; Denton, W. B.; Dodge, William; Drake, Frank; Drake, Jim; Eversou, Harry H.; Galluche, T. A.; Griner, G. H.; Harmar, Frank; Harris, Miss Mable; Harrison, John; Hayner, George; Healy, Daniel; Heath, E. C.; Heywood, Ralph; Kelsey, Miss Kathleen; Lamp, Mrs. Minnie; Larson, Swan; Lester, Elmer R.; Little, S. A.; Liver-nash, Harry; Reed, Frank.

Persons calling for the same will please say "advertised."

L. F. Babcock, Postmaster.

The Old Garret Gag.

"One of the favorite properties of story writers is the garret," grumbled an artist the other evening. "The starving genius always writes his great poem in a garret, the poor little sick child never fails to die in a garret, usually on a pallet of straw," and when future great men come to a strange city they invariably live in garrets as a prelude to glory—in short, the garret is the theater of all manner of romance, pathos and adventure—in fiction. In real life it is different.

"When I went to New York to study art, I had the great garret myth firmly fixed on my mind, and the first thing I did was to look for a habitation of that kind. I was not especially hard up, but a garret seemed eminently the fitting thing for a struggling artist. To my great disappointment I discovered that there were no garrets in town. There were a few lofts used as store-rooms and top floor apartments with slant roofs rented at enormous prices to photographers and fashionable painters, but the legendary garret was entirely unknown.

"I was finally obliged to compromise on a hall bedroom with a livery stable exposure. It was a cruel shock to my imagination. When I run across the old garret gag in a story nowadays, it makes me mad."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Got Even For the Snur.

"The people here are not very kind to me," said a young physician of the White-mountain valley, whose shingle has been out for several weeks.

"Not very kind! Is that so?" asked the friend to whom he complained.

"That's so; but I'll get even with them," replied the physician. I got even with one yesterday. He's the leading man of the town, and when he called on me I was glad and gave him a grand reception. But what do you think he said? 'Any port in a storm, doctor,' says he. 'I'm in a hurry, and I guess you'll have to do.' 'What's the matter?' said I, trying not to appear hurt. 'Oh, disordered stomach,' he answered, 'had headache, cramps and all that.' Then what do you think I did? I gave him a dose of a certain drug that in an hour laid him on his back, roaring with pain. His wife came for me, hot footed, and I hurried to the house and sat beside the bed and gloated over his agony. When I felt that I had had a full revenge, I eased him off. Wasn't that a clever way to get even? It was a hundred times better than a punch in the nose. If the fellow ever insults me again, I'll half kill him."—Philadelphia Record.

A Curious Plant.

"A curious plant," said an eminent botanist to the writer a day or two ago, "is the wild tamarind or juba plant of the riverside and waste places of tropical America, and very strange are its effects upon the nonruminant animals that feed upon its young shoots, leaves, pods and seeds. It causes horses to lose the hair from their manes and tails, has a similar effect upon mules and donkeys and reduces pigs to complete nakedness. Horses are said to recover when fed exclusively on corn and grass, but the new hair is of different color and texture from the old, so that the animal is never quite the same as it was. 'One animal of which I personally know, after feeding on the plant, lost

its hoofs and had to be kept in slings until they grew and hardened again. Ruminant animals are not thus affected, and the growth of the plant is actually encouraged in the Bahamas as a fodder plant for cattle, sheep and goats. The difference is probably due to changes effected upon it in the chewing of the cud."—Washington Star.

Ingersoll on Clover.

The late Colonel Ingersoll once sent the following letter of regret in answer to an invitation to dinner by the Clover club:

I regret that it is impossible for me to be in "clover" with you tomorrow, first anniversary dinner, 1888. A wonderful thing is "clover." It means honey and cream—that is to say, industry and contentment, that is to say, the happy bees in perfumed fields—and at the cottage gate "Old Boss," the beautiful, serenely chewing satisfaction's end in that blessed twilight pause that, like a benediction, falls between all toil and sleep. This clover makes me dream of happy hours, of childhood's rosy cheeks, of dimpled lips, of wholesome, loving wives, of honest men, of springs and brooks and violets, and all there is of stainless joy in peaceful human life.

A wonderful thing is clover! Drop the "ce" and you have the happiest of mankind. Take away the "ce" and "ce" and you have left the only thing that makes a heaven of this dull and barren earth. Cut off the "ce" alone, and there remains a very deceitful lad that sweetens the breath and keeps peace in countless homes whose masters frequent clubs. After all, Bottom was right. "Good hay, sweet hay, hath no follow."—ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

—Philadelphia Times.

A Jealous Elephant.

There is a very jealous elephant in the Jardin des Plantes, Paris. The place where he is housed adjoins that in which the camels are located, and a young camel recently introduced has had great attention lavished on him, to the detriment of the elephant, which had hitherto monopolized public favor in that quarter. The elephant grew more jealous day after day. Failing to attract the attention of a dainty little girl who was caressing his young rival, the huge pachyderm filled his trunk with water and deluged the offending fair one from head to foot.

The Way to Live.

Let us not burden our time with trifles and our souls with grievances. We are every one of us good, bad and indifferent in our daily journey, walking with steady or unsteady step directly toward an open grave, and why worry and fret over anything? What is the laurel wreath of fame but a shadow? What is wealth but a bubble? Let us do our duty—the right as God gives us to see the right, with malice toward none, with charity for all.

The Yankee Joker Abroad.

A story on the fraudulent conferring of degrees is told in the London Post, which, while it may not be strictly accurate, is not without interest. It seems that a chimney sweep took proceedings against an Edinburgh man for debt, and in the course of his evidence the sweep mentioned that his name was "Jamie Gregory, LL. D." The following colloquy ensued between the witness and the sheriff:

"What, doctor of laws or letters? And where on earth did you get that distinction?"

"It was a fellow fra' an American university, an I sweepit his chimney three times. I canna pay ye cash, Jamie Gregory," he says, "but I'll make ye an LL. D., and we'll ca' it quets." An he did."

Frost the Windows.

So many people in towns have to live in bathouses or houses in which the back windows are in such close proximity to those of their neighbors that a simple method of rendering the glass opaque, but not excluding the light, may be useful. The frosted appearance of ground glass may be nearly imitated by gently dabbing the glass over with a paint brush dipped in white paint or any other oil color. The paint should be thin and but little color taken up at one time on the end of the brushes. When applied with a light and even touch, the resemblance to frosted glass is considerable.

No Far as Appearances Go.

"Billy, do you think woman ought to smoke?"

"Well, she wouldn't look much uglier than she does chewing gum."—Detroit Free Press.

The average man never thinks it is time wasted to hunt another man and point out where he has made a mistake.—Acheson Globe.

Those Loving Girls.

Helene—See my new engagement ring. Don't you think George has good taste? Mattie—He certainly has—in the selection of a ring.—Chicago Record.

Why There Was No Room.

When he was a young man, Senator Hale of Maine, like many young men who have later on in life made their mark in the world, was not without that egotism which is said to be an element of success.

On one occasion Mr. Hale was riding in an old fashioned stage coach with Senator and Mrs. Frye. The only other passenger was an Irish woman past middle life, rather comely of face, who wore enormous hoops, fashionable at that period. To amuse his fellow passengers Mr. Hale pretended to be much enamored of Biddy and would slide up close to her as if he were about to put his arms about her, look unutterable things at her and entertained himself and his companions at the good natured creature's expense. Finally at one of the stations a man put his head in the door and asked if there was any room to be had inside the coach.

"No," said Mr. Hale. "All the seats are taken." Then turning to the Irish woman and looking into her eyes with great tenderness he said:

"There isn't any room in here, is there? We don't want any one else in here, do we?"

"No," said Biddy, with a delightful brogue. "My hoops are pretty large, and I see you feel pretty large, and there is no room here."—Detroit Free Press.

Note the Change.

In March, 1815, the Paris Monitor announced the expected return of Emperor Napoleon from Elba. The first announcement of the Monitor was far from polite, but as the little Corsican approached Paris a gradual change took place in its tone:

"The cannibal has left his den."

"The Corsican wolf has landed in the bay of San Juan."

"The tiger has arrived at Gay."

"The wretch spent the night at Grenoble."

"The tyrant has arrived at Lyons."

"The usurper has been seen within 50 miles of Paris."

"Bonaparte is advancing with great rapidity, but he will not put his foot inside the walls of Paris."

"Tomorrow Napoleon will be at our gates."

"The emperor has arrived at Fontainebleau."

"His imperial majesty Napoleon entered Paris yesterday surrounded by his loyal subjects."

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