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### PAYING UP THEIR TAXES.

Tax-payers Are Settling Rapidly with the County Treasurer.

The taxes for 1899 are coming in in good shape, but the county treasurer will be kept busy up to the very last day of the month. The taxpayers are paying up with more readiness and willingness than heretofore, which may be accounted for by the good times and plenty of money.

Up to the first day of November over \$10,000 was paid into the county treasury, of which sum over \$200 was on the special school tax voted last spring by the voters of Billings. Two hundred tax receipts were issued up to that time against eighty-five last year.

Those who have not already settled with the county treasurer should do so at their earliest possible convenience and not wait until the last day. Although the legislature enacted a law making taxes fall due November 30, instead of the first Monday in December, as formerly, persons who pay their taxes December 1 will not be considered delinquent in view of November 30 being a day of public thanksgiving and a legal holiday this year, when no state or county business will be transacted.

E. M. Hall, county attorney of Sweet Grass county, asked Attorney General Nolan whether a taxpayer who failed to pay his taxes before Nov. 30, but who did pay December 1, would be regarded as delinquent, and to which fiscal year should the taxes collected December 1 be credited. There is a state law which provides that when an obligation such as that one in question, falls due on a legal holiday, the following day will be open to the person from whom the payment is due. The attorney general, in the course of his letter to County Attorney Hall, said: "In this instance a payment made on December 1 is just the same as if a payment had been made on the 30th of November; there is simply, for the purpose of making the payment, a right extended to have the payment made on the first of December. The tax collected should be credited on the fiscal year ending Nov. 30."

For all taxes not paid on or before Dec. 1, the law makes an addition of 10 per cent to the amount of said taxes and requires that property, upon which taxes are delinquent shall be immediately advertised for sale or seized and sold for the payment of said taxes and costs.

It is a matter of congratulation to know that the taxpayers, with but the one exception, heretofore noted, are paying the special tax of 3 mills voted for school purposes in the Billings district. This means much to the welfare of our educational interests and will tide the school over until the county commissioners can remedy the evil foisted upon the public through a democratic legislature, and later be remedied by the next legislature, which in all probability, will be of republican persuasion. Be loyal and pay your school taxes along with the others. This should not appeal to the patrons of the school alone, but to everyone who has the interest of the city at heart, and not begrudging the few extra dollars demanded. Billings cannot afford to have its schools close with a six months' term. Let us rally to their support.

### IN CODY, WYOMING.

Burlington Railroad Officials Visit the Big Horn Basin.

General Superintendent T. E. Calvert of the Burlington and C. H. Morrill, a prominent official of the same road, were in the city Friday, returning from a week's stay in the Big Horn basin, in Wyoming, in the vicinity of Cody. Advice from that section state that the gentlemen spent the time inspecting the surrounding country. Like all railroad people, they were very cautious about giving out statements, but enough was learned to establish the fact that the object of their visit to that section was to look over the field and become acquainted with the local conditions of the country into which the company will shortly push. The visit to this city ten days ago of President Perkins and other high officials of the Burlington, is not without its significance.

General Manager Holdredge has made several visits to Toluca and Crow Agency in the past few weeks. It is said that the surveying corps, which is setting grade stakes, are working rapidly toward Cody. There is every reason to believe that the Burlington will start to build into Cody by next spring.

### MORMONS IN THE BIG HORN.

Brigham Young's Church to Make Homes for its People Near McCullough's Peak.

C. E. Hayden, a civil engineer in the employ of the Mormon church, has been engaged the past few weeks in running a survey from the Shoshone river near Eagle's Nest to McCullough's Peak, east of Cody, says the Red Lodge Picket. The survey is being made for a gigantic irrigation ditch destined to irrigate 50,000 acres of land, which has been secured by the Mormon church in the Big Horn country. The church expects to domicile about 300 Mormon families in the vicinity of McCullough's Peak, where it is their intention to till the soil and raise turnips and younguns.

### HOYT'S LATEST COMEDY SUCCESS

Will Be Presented at the Billings Opera House Thursday Night.

On Thursday evening, November 9th, Hoyt's latest comedy success, "A Stranger in New York," will be the attraction at the Billings opera house. To this farce, which is conceded to be the best comedy work of that American playwright, Charles Hoyt, belongs the distinction of playing to larger and more enthusiastic audiences than any other of Hoyt's attractions. It has already beaten the record of the famous "A Trip to Chinatown." It may be said to partake more of the nature of the farce comedy than some of the other Hoyt plays, from the fact that its specialty features are more numerous this season and all are excellent. Besides the specialties there is a plot running through the piece that is never lost sight



of a host of "pretty girls, handsome costumes and elaborate scenic environments, go to round out a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. Seldom have Hoyt and McKee formed together such a strong number of comedians, singers and dancers as they have this season. Among them are Paul T. Nicholson, Jr., Sadie Kirby, Sydney Grant, Grace Norton, Douglas Flint, George Tallman, Martha Shephard, Charlotte Stole, Marie Deuhl, Belle Davies, Harry Rogers, Tom Martin, Charles Hooker and many others.

### A COMPLIMENT

Is Bestowed On Billings by the Editor of the Cody Enterprise.

J. H. Peake, editor of the Cody (Wyo.) Enterprise, visited Billings a couple of weeks ago to meet General Nelson A. Miles and Colonel W. F. Cody and spent a couple of days here getting acquainted with our people. In a recent issue of his bright and peppy paper he pays the following tribute to our city under the caption "Billings, Montana." "If the writer was called upon to name a real live, get-up-and-get-there town, embracing every element of industrial and commercial activity, a town which is doing the business of one six times its size in the eastern section of this country, a town which never goes to bed, and is rarely caught napping, a town which is destined to become an important mercantile distributing point, we should unhesitatingly name the one at the head of this article. Very active merchants, traders and newspaper people has this growing and pushing little city and when you fall among them, one and all, they endeavor to make you realize that you are far removed from a cemetery. They have a Chicago manner about them, a hurrying along business matters, that impresses a stranger with the fact that they are up and doing. It is not a little bit astonishing that the city is prospering, that commercial limits are rapidly extending, that the hotel corridors are filled with people from all sections and that the fame of the city, as a favorably purchasing and shipping point, is rapidly spreading. The prosperity it has enjoyed in the last four years, while somewhat remarkable, will from all appearances, be vastly greater in the future and the town certainly presents every indication of becoming one of the most substantial in the west."

### A NEW WILL

Makes Its Appearance in the Richard Ashworth Case.

The litigation that was commenced in Helena October 26, seeking to have the estate of Richard Ashworth, the wealthy Wyoming cattleman, who died in May of this year near Marsailles, France, possessed of property in Montana, administered in Lewis and Clarke county, instead of this, took a sensational turn Saturday, when a second will was offered for probate in Helena. The document is a holographic will, dated in 1896, two years previous to the one in litigation, and was offered by Attorney Gunn. This will leaves all the dead man's property to his father, Edward Ashworth of Manchester, England, with the exception of \$5,000 life insurance, which is left to Jack Fraser of this city, the young man named in the other will as coming in for \$75,000 of the estate.

The fight over the probate of the two wills, the one filed in Helena and the other in this city, is expected to be a legal battle royal. P. B. Moss of this city, acting for the father of the de-

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censed, applied for letters of general administration of the estate, but Judge McIntire declined to grant the petition until the question of the wills had been settled, which must be decided by a jury.

The matter of the probating the will in this county will be heard Friday by Judge Loud in this city.

**HOW TO SEE THE METEORS.**  
When and How to Watch for Them from the Longitude of Billings.

One of the grandest spectacles ever afforded by the heavens, one of the grandest natural spectacles of all history, will be witnessed on the night of the 14th of the present month.

This spectacle is the great fall of meteorites known as the Leonids. It occurs only once in thirty-three years, and its next appearance will be on the day mentioned. It will be visible from Billings and also from nearly the whole surface of the globe. Two thousand million miles of meteors will then flash past the earth.

The meteorites will touch the atmosphere of the earth and become ignited by the rapidity of their flight. Countless millions of them will fall, and they will appear red, white, orange, green and all colors of the rainbow. The fact that they ignite and dissolve on contact with the atmosphere is all that saves the earth from destruction by them.

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