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SCHOOL AT COLUMBUS
 Will Convene in the New Building Next Monday—Other Notes.

Columbus, Nov. 20.—Attorney Johnston of Red Lodge is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Annin.

Albert Fribe has sold his residence on the hill to Charley Williams, who will take possession at once. Mr. Fribe will live at his ranch on Stillwater.

Mrs. Frank Pearson was able to be around without her crutches today. Friends and relatives are being entertained in most of the homes here today and the air is redolent of savory odors. The majority of the business houses are taking a part of the day for recreation and sport.

Uncle Billy Hamilton will be a guest of several of our distinguished statesmen in Helena next week. He will also appear as a witness in the U. S. court in the forest fire case.

School convenes Monday, Dec. 4. A day or two more and the building will be entirely completed. Already the seats are being placed and the library and furniture will be put in shape tomorrow. Mr. Hawkins will serve his fifth year as principal of the schools.

Mrs. Graco Tinsley will be in charge of the primary department. The trustees, architects and builders are to be congratulated on the splendid structure erected for educational purposes. Many people are moving into town to take advantage of the school and it is feared another teacher may be required. The non-residents will be charged a tuition fee of one dollar per month.

Scarlet fever still continues to spread. Mrs. Bray's little daughter is now confined to her bed, and other cases are suspected. Children from these families will not be allowed to attend school until pronounced cured by the attending physician.

Commissioner Lavelle took possession of one of the finest residences in the county yesterday. Davis and Hughes have been superintending the work.

Mr. Mendenhall is erecting a residence in the west end of town.

Deputy Sheriff Meyers is slowly recovering from his scuffle of a week ago. The man, who threw the rock, got ninety days, and the others sixty and thirty days respectively. Judge Simpson is prompt in administering justice. One of the men will be bound over on charge of assaulting an officer and one of the others is wanted at Park City, when his term is served, for robbery.

FROM PARK CITY.
 Items of General Interest Gathered by Our Representative.

Special Correspondence of The Gazette.
 Park City, Nov. 20.—Wm. Winsett, the Allings Point flockmaster, was a business visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Story returned Wednesday from a visit to Bozeman. John Boozs, the Gebo butcher, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Tolle and mother, Mrs. Greenwood, left on Saturday's passenger for Portland, Ore. After a continuous residence of sixteen years in Park City, they return to their old home, where they expect to locate permanently.

Mrs. Anna Brown of Gebo was visiting relatives in Park City Monday, returning home Tuesday.

Quite a number of the Park Cityites accepted Sheriff Hubbard's invitation to attend the Brooks' neck-tie party.

C. R. Watkins has sold his entire flock of sheep, but expects to again engage in the business.

Wm. McMorris is looking after his sheep interests in the Rock creek country.

Will Irvin and wife of Big Timber

GREAT CATTLE PRICES.

Season Now Closed Was a Memorable One for Montana Men.

The season for marketing western cattle from the range is practically finished. A few more belated shipments may arrive, but it is not probable that anything more will come to greatly increase the year's receipts or materially affect the recorded range of prices, says the Chicago Drover's Journal, an authority on stock matters.

Receipts for the year to date foot up close to 180,000 head, as against 185,546 for all of last year, 233,531 in 1897, 271,925 in 1896 and 430,926 in 1895. The season's supply was the smallest since 1889, when but 160,396 were received. That there was a decrease in this year's supply was no surprise to ranchmen, many of whom expected a greater shortage than the figures show.

In many respects the season just closed has been a very satisfactory one. Prices have been exceptionally good and show the highest range since 1891, and with few exceptions the highest in over twenty years. It is generally conceded that prices this year show an increase of \$5.00 per head over last year, which means over a million dollars more for the northwestern ranchmen. Steers ranged in price from \$3.50 to \$5.70, only a comparatively few tailings and feeders selling below \$4, while the bulk of the beef steers brought \$4.35@4.75, the average being about \$4.80.

The market was not characterized by any violent fluctuations during the season. Sales were made mostly within a 25 cent range, the lowest sag being in October, though toward the close of the month the quality was not so good. The season finished in good shape, a consignment from Wyoming selling November 20 at \$5.70, the highest point of the year. Close to 8,000 cattle sold about the \$5 mark during the season.

Of the cattle received this year about 186,000 came from Montana and the balance chiefly from the Dakotas.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.
 At the Grand.

Tuesday, Nov. 28.—A A Rice, N. Y.; C H Eggleston, Anaconda; F C Polett, Hastings; O K Ervin, Butte; L Quinlan, St. Paul; Geo. A. Abbot, S S Dealizer, Chicago; F H Foster, city; M Edgar, Michigan; Frank Krause, Helena; W H Chaman, Lincoln; E M Hutton, Omaha; H J Wright, Butte; P P Wright, Detroit; G A Jeffrey, Duluth; Geo. P Dier, Bozeman; E C Braun, St. Paul; Robt. Grunwell, city; F H Smith, Fargo; W P Hawkins; Tom McVay, Junction; P C Murphy, Glendive.

Wednesday.—E A Morris, Utica; I Allison, Omaha; W O Parker; Mrs. L C Rich, Park City; F Hopkins, Chicago; T J Lane, St. Paul; P L Van Clare, Melville; J J Martin and wife, Livingston; W Graham; W Booth, Red Lodge; G H Berry, Butte; G P Dier, D. Bufo, Helena; G D Rachmore, E H Wilson, Butte; J Soss, Helena; W F Cody, Cody; L E Deckerl, Cody; W J Nix, Chicago; L A Nutting, Laurel; M Lipmann, N. Y.; F Russell, Sheridan; J J Chanderl, Ia.; J Kent, Ia.

Thursday.—R J Saxe, St. Louis; A J Sayer, St. Paul; D G Wright, S. F.; F H Cooney, Butte; N R Wessel, J McGregor, city; C H Luderman and family; A S Goodkind, Helena; G A Jeffrey, Duluth; Thos. McVay, Mont.; J E Edwards, Crow Agency; A W Littlepage; E G Ireland, Miles City; H N Kennedy, city.

Announcing a Birth.
 In some parts of Holland a birth is announced by fastening a silk pin-cushion on the doorknob. If the pin-cushion is red, the baby is a boy, and if white a girl.

Money in America is as important as quinine in the African jungle. Don't squander your quinine. A few grains saved up are better than none.—New York Evening Journal.

A landlord can always raise the rent. That is more than many of his tenants can do.—Philadelphia Times.

THE POET'S WIFE.

She brings her pretty knitting, bless her,
 Or mystic threads for making lace,
 That by and by will serve to dress her
 In new and no doubt charming grace.
 She sits and rocks, her rocker chiming,
 In measured cadence to my rhyming.

Sometimes with eye that proudly glistens
 I read a sonnet I have written;
 She counts her stitches while she listens
 Or pulls a thread to make it fit in,
 And, with her gaze intent upon it,
 Asks, "What they pay me for a sonnet?"

She little knows of rhyme or meter
 And cares still less, but asks me whether
 Chiffon and roses would look sweeter
 To trim her hat than jet and feather.
 Of inward smiles—her tranquil, simple,
 Entrancing air! Did she but know it—
 She is the reason I'm a poet!

—Madeline S. Bridges in Ladies' Home Journal.

A SPONGE IN HIS BODY.

Queer and Fatal Result of a Surgical Operation.

Dr. Morestin, a Russian surgeon, who had been treating a woman for recurring abscesses, announced the recovery of his patient the other day. He had removed from her a pair of physician's hemostatic forceps, four inches long, which had been accidentally sewed up in her body four years before.

Said a New York physician: "A short time ago an up country doctor came to the city to be operated upon for the removal of the vermiform appendix, although I understand he never had appendicitis. He did not improve after the operation, and one night he died. There was an autopsy, and it was found that a sponge had been sewed up in him. Yet I have known of many forceps, clamps and other metal instruments to be forgotten and left in patients, and the latter get well."

"Sponges are bad. From their very nature they become collecting agents and soon poison the body. The smooth metal objects, on the other hand, are apt to work their way into the alimentary tract, and then they soon pass away. You doubtless have heard of needles which have staid in the human body for years, gradually working their way out of the system or of old soldiers who still carry the bullets shot into them during the civil war. The glass swallowers of the dime museums really perform wonders in the way of resisting foreign substances in the human body."

"The most wonderful case of all was that of an insane man whom I saw in an asylum in Lancaster, Pa. He took to swallowing things in the carpenter shop and before he was stopped he had gulped down 140 nails of all sizes, some buckles, a piece of old iron, some screws and a lot of other things."

"All of this hardware was extracted and the man recovered. He is still living and still a lunatic."—San Francisco Call.

Couldn't Change the Signs.
 England is said to be the freest country in the world, but its freedom does not extend to the alteration of a public house sign by a licensed victualer. This was proved at the South Hants Brewster court, where a brewer asked leave to alter the name of an inn from The Duke of York to The Panther. Admiral Field, M. P., who acted as chairman, asked the reason of the proposed transformation, and was informed that the applicant owned another Duke of York, some distance off, a fact which was liable to cause confusion in business. The admiral, however, considered it discourteous to the brave old Duke of York to put a panther in his place. Eventually the application was refused.

A similar fate attended the request to change the name of a house from The Royal Oak to The Radstock. Admiral Field urging that Lord Radstock, as an eminent philanthropist and Christian man, might justifiably object to his name being thus taken in vain, and the justices, perhaps out of regard for French susceptibilities, also rejected an application to change the sign of The Alma tavern to that of The Fashoda.—London Telegraph.

The Food We Need.

Dr. Pavy, one of the most eminent authorities upon diet, says that the average man in a state of absolute rest can live on 16 ounces of food a day, a man doing ordinary light work can live on 23 ounces and a man doing laborious work needs from 26 to 30 ounces. This is food absolutely free from water, and it must be remembered that everything we eat contains more or less water, so that from 48 to 90 ounces of ordinary food are necessary according to the work in which a man is engaged.

A Lively Game.
 Get a large sheet or tablecloth and a small feather. Have the company take hold of the edges of the sheet and form a ring. Then some one blows the feather into the air and all must do their part to keep it in the air and not let it touch any one, and so it is blown from one side to another, while the efforts made to keep it floating are very funny. Sometimes, in the excitement of keeping the feather up, some one will forget all about holding the sheet up, and then more excitement and fun follow.

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