

ECHOES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The first Tuesday night in every month brings forth a regular meeting of the city council. There is also another meeting on the third Tuesday night of the month, but the first usually opens the climax for interest. At the former time there is also a batch of bills so high and big that it would cause anyone but an alderman to have the nightmare, or some other kind of horrible disturbance at night. Some people are not inclined to believe that these meetings are interesting, even if they do hold until the morning lights commence to appear, but in this they are mistaken. Hardly a meeting night passes but what something transpires to keep the aldermen in a good mood and relieve their tired minds from the troublesome matters, which sometimes look as though they might overcome them. Tonight's meeting will not be devoid of the usual interest and if everything transpires that has been placed on the programme, it will be the liveliest session yet held this year. Col. E. W. Rowley, secretary and manager of the Billings Water Power company, is advertised on the programme to talk on the price that will be asked for the water works and electric light plant, and also for the water works alone. Mr. Rowley has not signified his intention of complying with the wish of the council, but should he be present he will be permitted to talk at length. When he has completed there will probably be some discussion, as it is known that several of the aldermen have been gathering no end of statistics regarding this very matter of municipal ownership of public utilities.

Alderman Clement, who believes that the city should have a better street lighting service, has a resolution prepared and if opportunity affords, will present the same for action. The resolution if passed, will provide for all future street lights being hung in the middle of the streets. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas: Several petitions have been presented to this council, praying for an extension of the street public lighting system, and

Whereas: By having all street lamps hung over the center of streets and avenue intersections, the public would receive more satisfactory service and avoid the nuisance of shade tree obstructions.

Resolved: That in all future extensions to the street public lighting system, and in a changes made in the present system, all lights be so located, that the lamps shall hang over the center of street and avenue intersections.

The point is well taken and when a change is made in the lights it will give better satisfaction to the people.

Final action will be taken on the resolution prepared two weeks ago by the committee on officers and bonds, which provides for paying policemen a salary of \$75 a month instead of \$65. This resolution will be accepted and passed without a dissenting voice and goes into effect from Dec. 1. In order to get the benefit of the raise the policemen must resign and be reappointed. All the policemen will probably resign as soon as the resolution goes into effect and there is no doubt but what Mayor Yegen will reappoint them. The action is a deferred one, but it is better that it comes now than at some time in the very distant future. The policemen of Billings, the council thinks, have been paid too small a salary for the past year, and it is only fair in the face of the growing population and business of the city that our defenders of law and order should be paid a decent salary.

A MATERIAL CHANGE

In the Cattle Interests Throughout the Northwest.

E. H. Brewster, the big cattle owner of Wibaux, Mont., well known in this part of Montana, has been interviewed in the St. Paul Pioneer Press on his way home from the Hereford cattle show at Kansas City.

Mr. Brewster says the cattle interests of the northwest are undergoing a material change, consequent upon the settlement of the country and the restriction of the cattle territory. He believes that the price of cattle will continue to advance for some time and that good feeders will bring top prices for many years.

Like many other stock raisers, he is improving the grade of his stock by the introduction of thoroughbred sires. He brought with him from Kansas City a thoroughbred bull for which he paid \$800, with which he will improve his herds.

"Of late," said Mr. Brewster, "the ranges have been considerably depleted, but the stockmen have made large purchases from Texas and New Mexico, and these animals will be driven north in the spring. I believe in time the business of raising stock in Montana will become a permanent industry under the changes which contemplate only the breeding of high grade animals."

STILL ON THE MAP.

Billings Hasn't Blown Away, but Contingencies to Arrive.

Red Lodge-Picket: A. H. Davis, the Sheridan, Wyo., optician and jeweler, who has recently established an office in this city, returned Wednesday from a visit to Billings. Mr. Davis says that the wind storm which raked this city Wednesday performed the same service for Billings, tearing down electric light and telegraph poles and burying the city in clouds of dust.

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

One hundred and fifty non-union miners have taken the place of the striking men at the Diamondville, (Wyo.) coal mines.

Ed. Boyce, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who has been ill at St. Joseph's hospital, Denver, has fully recovered and has returned to Butte.

State Treasurer Collins calls for all general fund warrants registered up to and including the 29th day of April, 1899. Interest ceases from and after Dec. 1.

The friends of Edward Canary of Great Falls, are alarmed at his absence and fear that he has met with some trouble or foul play. He had a paving contract in Great Falls.

Geo. Cox, W. S. Hartman and W. S. Davidson of Bozeman have incorporated the Bozeman Chronicle Publishing company; capital \$12,000. The company will publish the Chronicle.

Grand Master James M. Rhoades, of the A. O. U. W., has appointed S. N. Nicholson, of Helena, deputy grand master of the jurisdiction of Montana to do and perform all that the grand master may do in an official capacity.

A big mining deal was consummated at Dillon last week in which \$80,000 was paid down, but the parties do not wish their names mentioned just now. It is said a quarter of a million dollars will be expended in development work.

Stevensville has decided, by a vote of fifty-four to twenty-three, to incorporate and the election of mayor and aldermen will occur Jan. 1. There will be something of a contest over the honor of being the first mayor of the new town.

Geo. Thompson, who mysteriously disappeared from Bozeman two weeks ago, has returned to his home near that city, insane. He is rational at times and says he was assaulted by two men, one of whom hit him over the head with a club.

A wreck occurred on the Montana Central road on the Nehart branch, near that city Saturday evening, by which an engineer, fireman and head brakeman were killed. The train was made up of loaded coal cars and the wreck was caused by striking a cow.

Governor Smith has pardoned Private Henry Cottrel (colored), of the Twenty-Fourth U. S. infantry, who was convicted in Choteau county of highway robbery and sentenced to one year. The trouble occurred over a crap game and the amount involved was only \$1.25.

The Montana & Cape Nome Mining company was incorporated Friday by Governor Smith, State Treasurer Collins, T. C. Marshall, H. B. Campbell, W. Q. Bant, Isaac Abernethy and E. E. Cheaney, the last five of Missoula. The capital is \$100,000. Abernethy, one of the incorporators recently returned from Cape Nome.

Simon R. Flynn, formerly bank examiner in Montana and later receiver of the First National bank of Helena, is slated as president of the Second National bank of St. Paul. Mr. Flynn is a graduate of the Ottawa (Canada) university. He edited a journal at Washington devoted to the interests of the army and navy and later became the editor of the Spokane Evening Chronicle.

That the fight on Senator Clark is to be precipitated on the opening day of the coming session of congress is evidenced by the fact that a petition asking that W. A. Clark be not seated by the senate was signed early in the week by Governor Smith, Attorney General Nolan, State Auditor Poindexter and State Treasurer Collins. The petition is an elaborate document, reciting all the charges that have been made in various forms and on various occasions heretofore against Mr. Clark. Two state officials did not sign the petition, viz: Secretary of State Hogan and Superintendent of Schools Carleton.

The state board of examiners met last week and allowed a number of pending bills, paying up claims against the state for the fiscal year, which ended Nov. 30. The balance due the contractors of the insane asylum for the year was paid. The total expense of the asylum for the fiscal year was \$115,200.50 for the care and keeping of the state's insane. This amount is two or three thousand dollars less than last year. The deaf and dumb asylum cost the state during the fiscal year just closed \$12,888.02, and the agricultural college \$11,958.40. The accounts with the other state institutions have not been closed.

According to the books of David Hamilton, clerk to the state board of examiners, there were \$2,914 in bounty claims filed with the board during the month of November, against \$5,775 for November, 1898. The claims filed last month were for the destruction of 964 coyotes, 221 wolves and thirty-three wolf pups. In the amount of claims credited to the different counties Custer leads with \$656, for 141 coyotes, 108 wolves and seventeen wolf pups; Yellowstone second, \$653, for 248 coyotes, thirty-three wolves and one pup; Fergus third for ninety-two coyotes and seventeen wolves. Gallatin and Silver Bow filed claims for only \$2 each, representing the killing of one coyote in each county.

A northern Montana paper is authority for the statement that at the recent meeting of the North Montana round-up association's executive committee, it was decided to engage counsel to fight the test case soon to be heard by the supreme court at which the issue is the authority of the state board of equalization to raise or lower valuations returned by assessors. To that end counsel has been engaged to assist in the arguments before the supreme court against the attorney general. At

the same meeting of the committee the prices fixed upon as the proper damages due from the Great Northern road for the live stock killed during the past season is said to have been quite in excess of the assessed valuation placed upon different kinds of stock by the state board but not observed.

CUSTER CATTLE COMPANY SALES.

Did Well on the Chicago Market Last Thursday.

Regarding the cattle sales on the Chicago market last Thursday, the Drovers' Journal, commenting on western rangers, said:

Receipts today consisted of 581 head sent in by the Custer Cattle Co., of Billings, Montana. The market was active and prices about as high as any time this season. The representative sales were: Custer Cattle Co., ninety-six head, averaging 1130 pounds at \$4.90; same, 145 head Texans, averaging 860 pounds, at \$4.30; same, 245 heifers averaging 930 pounds, at \$4.40; same, twenty-two cows, averaging 1080 pounds, at \$3.75; same, twenty-three bulls, averaging 1230 pounds, at \$2.90.

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Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Billings, Yellowstone county, Montana, for the week ending Dec. 4, 1899.

Ahern, W. J.; Beckwith, Miss Zorah; Burch, Raymond; Crouse, P. R.; Denson, Lewis; Dougherty, J. A.; Durre, Onas; Keller, Jakob; McColiam, Chas.; Miller, Martin; Moyiar, C. D.; Nix, Mrs. W. J.; Palmer, Mrs. Bertie; Phillips, P. F.; Ringer, D. W.; Robinson, B. W.; Rowe, Mrs. Ida; Sanders, J. W. (2); Scott, Miss Ollie; Sommers, E. S.; Thomas, Thos.; Tracy, D.; Ward, E.; West, J. A.; Wight, Frank.

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L. F. Babcock, Postmaster.

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