

Santa Helps Those Who Help Themselves

(In a Great Measure)

... At The Fashion.

WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST BOTH. We provide many, many, good and useful gifts for Santa to distribute and have arranged them so convenient in our large room any child can make a selection with ease and comfort, for Santa to deliver Christmas Eve. Prices asked for the hundreds of beautiful and good gifts are so reasonable that no one will be left. Everyone can reach something that will make someone happy and give thanks for the existence of Santa Claus. Be among the first to see our desirable selection and pick the plums for chirping babe, or sweet smiling grand-ma, pa-pa, or ma-ma, as well as brothers and sisters. All ages and stages of life will find suitable and gladdening Christmas gifts at THE FASHION, from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M. Xmas week. (Six days make a week at our place.) We close at 8 after Christmas.

L. EISENBERG.

BILLINGS, MONTANA.

—Let McIntyre fill your orders for Christmas candles. 67-4

—All those interested in Vivvi should see Mrs. Yaukey before the 20th. 68-2

—Miss Marie Sleeper has the finest assortment of cigars in the state. 68-2

—Yegen Bros. are handling Sheridan, Gebo and Bear Creek coal. Let them fill your orders. *

—Those candied fruits at McIntyre's are just the thing for Christmas candies. Try them. 67-4.

—Austin North for town lots. Low prices. Reasonable terms. Easy monthly payments. *

—Sheridan and Bear Creek coal for sale by Yegen Bros. There is no better on the market.

—The people who have been wishing for cold weather can now sit back and laugh, if they have any laugh coming.

—It gives the best satisfaction and has no equal, so say the consumers of Bridger coal, sold by Ben. W. Toole for only \$3.75 per ton. 68-1f

—Miss Marie Sleeper has some elegant Havana cigars, bought especially for the ladies for Christmas presents for their husbands. 68-2

—The several Sunday school organizations are practicing their Christmas exercises, which will be given in the churches next Monday night.

—The boys are having big times these days in skating and sledding. Saturday they led the draymen a busy time by catching onto the wagons with their sleds.

—Dr. Prickett the Billings osteopath, treats all forms of acute and chronic diseases—nervous affections, stomach, kidney and liver troubles, spinal curvatures, dislocations. 67-9

—We are prepared to furnish you with everything that goes to make up a Christmas dinner. Let us fill your order and you will never regret it. Hogue, Robinson & Co. 69-2

—According to the agreement of the Billings merchants, who are parties to the early closing movement, the stores will be closed all day on Christmas and New Year's, which are holidays.

—Frank Rose, who has been assisting on the construction of the Red Lodge and Wyoming Telephone line, has returned to Billings and gone to work for the electric light company.

—Dr. A. P. Merriweather of the Crow Agency has tackled the unpleasant job of vaccinating 3,000 Crow Indians, on account of a case of small pox having made its appearance on the reservation.

—County Superintendent Gwen F. Barla, who is sojourning at St. Vincent's hospital on account of a fever, desires The Gazette to announce that his office will be closed for the time being.

—On Saturday, Clerk of the District Court Williams issued letters to Mrs. Gertrude Allen of Columbus, as administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, Chas. Allen, who committed suicide a few weeks ago.

—If one can judge from the present tone of the wool market and the fact that eastern concerns have representatives already in the western states buying wool in advance of the season, the woolgrowers of the west will be in clover next year.

—J. P. Martiny, the contractor, who has spent the season in Billings and put up a number of good houses, leaves tomorrow for his home at Big Rapids, Mich., to spend the winter. He will return here in the spring, however, having the prospect of plenty of work during the next building season.

—A number of the Yellowstone county teachers will attend the State Teachers' association, which meets in Helena for three days next week. County Superintendent Barla will probably attend. At present he is convalescing at St. Vincent's hospital, where he has been for a couple of weeks with a severe cold.

—There was a famine in the Billings postoffice a couple of days last week. The office had exhausted its supply of money orders and although it had ordered a new supply a month previously, the department was slow in filling the same and the local office issued no orders for a couple of days. The money order business of the Billings office has made a remarkable growth in the past year. Some days the receipts run up into the three figures.

—You can get cigars from 5 cents to \$1.00 at Miss Marie Sleeper's. 68-2

—These Christmas candies will taste doubly delicious if bought at McIntyre's. 67-4

—The Racket store, next to Losskamp's, is showing a good line of toys and notions for Christmas. Don't overlook them. 67-4

—J. F. Lechner, formerly of this city, is now located at Havana, Cuba, and The Gazette is indebted to him for late copies of Havana papers.

—When the best costs no more than the inferior, why not get the former? McIntyre's candies are the best and cost no more than inferior goods. 4

—Conductor John W. Dadds of the Northern Pacific passenger crew, well known in Billings, is seriously ill at St. Peter's hospital in Helena.

—The Sheridan, Gebo and Bear Creek coal are the leaders, give the best satisfaction and cost no more than others. Try them. Yegen Bros. *

—Lulu Freiman of Gebo was last week granted a divorce from Fred Freiman, by the district court in Red Lodge, and permitted to resume her maiden name of Lulu Suydam.

—The directors of the Northern Pacific railroad have declared a dividend of 1 per cent and an extra dividend of 1 per cent on common stock, making a total of three per cent for the year.

—All kinds of candies in any quantity at McIntyre's. Sunday schools and all societies should remember this in preparing for their Christmas festivities. Special prices for large orders. 67-4

—The board of county commissioners of Carbon county last week decided to award a contract on Jan. 4, 1900, for 1,200 yards of rock rip-rap for the Yellowstone river bank just above the Columbus bridge.

—At the eleventh annual session of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held in Helena last Thursday night, Billings was honored with the election of two of its citizens to office, viz: Geo. M. Hays and W. L. P. McCaw, oriental guide and second ceremonial master, respectively.

—In the case of Pat Perry, for carelessly leaving a fire on the public domain, the grand jury in the United States district court at Helena brought in no indictment. This was the man, charged in Red Lodge as William Perry, who caused the disastrous fire at East Rosebud lake the latter part of August.

—James Neill and his strong supporting company presented "A Bachelor's Romance" at the opera house Saturday evening, which proved to be a pretty and touching play, very cleverly interpreted. It deserved a much larger audience, the company being one of the best that has ever visited this city.

—The 16-year-old daughter of John Shook of Coulson died Friday night from spasms. The young lady had been subject to them for years. Friday night she was taken with the usual symptoms and the usual remedies failed to relieve her. Mr. Shook came to the city for medical relief, but by the time the physician arrived the young lady was dead.

—A real live Santa Claus, in a sleigh, driving a black horse instead of a reindeer, and with a large pack of toys, made his appearance on the streets of Billings Saturday. His advent was hailed with delight by the little ones, who are reassured that he will be here on next Monday morning, bright and early. It was an advertisement of Yegen Bros. store and the idea was a good one.

—L. E. Schrad and E. M. Hungerford returned Thursday night from a week's hunting in the Bull mountains. They only succeeded in bagging one deer, which was due to the marksmanship of Mr. Schrad and it was his first deer. He took the best care of Mr. Hungerford, to see that he was brought home safely, as the excitement attendant upon the killing was severe upon his nerves.

—An inquest of lunacy was held yesterday afternoon on John Miller, commonly known as "Black Jack," who for several years past has worked on the reservation for Wm. H. Cushman and Tom Kent. Miller has been acting queerly for a couple of years, but within the past month or so his condition has become such that he was not able to take care of himself. Drs. Rinchart and Armstrong, at the hearing before County Commissioner T. S. Linton, pronounced Miller insane and he was today taken to the Warm Springs asylum.

—The very acme of artistic effects in art music is most realistically produced and brought out at the grand opera recital of Charity Martin and the Musical Spectacle of Ellis Brooks. The latter gentleman is without doubt one of the greatest band masters in America, while his associate artists, Charity Martin and Seigneur Balducci, enjoy a reputation throughout the world. The entertainment given by these artists is certainly of a high order, and worthy the best patronage of every citizen of the Union. See it at the opera house on Christmas evening.

—The Daily Journal of Racine, Wis., says of Beach & Bowers' minstrels, which will be seen here next Saturday evening: Beach & Bowers' Minstrel company appeared at the Belle City opera house last night and were greeted by a good sized audience. It was without exception the best minstrel performance witnessed in Racine for the past ten years and the Journal believes that every person who saw the performance last evening will verify the statement. It was refuted to a high degree, not a vulgar joke or saying of any kind being indulged in by the artists. Not a single stick can be pointed out in the entire company.

JONES TAKES STRYCHNINE

Not because his wife has applied for divorce nor because of any other family trouble. He has been riding the range trapping and poisoning and has been exposed to all the dangers connected with use of strong poisons and decided strychnine is the most effective poison.

Stockmen and Wolfers, kindly look at our Powers & Weightman's, Merck's or Mallinocrot Strychnine.

In 1/2 oz vials—10 oz lots \$1.25 per oz. In 1 oz vials—10 oz lots \$1.10 per oz.
50 oz lots 1.10 " " 50 oz lots 1.00 " "

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BILLINGS, MONTANA.

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL.

All Our Stock of Fancy China and Glassware at a discount to close out.

100-Piece Dinner Sets—all in stock—at 1/2 off the regular.

We want to close these out at once and therefore make the sacrifice. Terms on above strictly cash.

BILLINGS FURNITURE AND CARPET CO.

—Pure California wines and the celebrated Green River whisky, for family use, at Yegen Bros. 68-3

—Miss Marie Sleeper has some elegant Havana cigars, bought especially for the ladies for Christmas presents for their husbands. 68-2

—Have you ordered that Christmas turkey, chicken or duck? If not, let Hogue, Robinson & Co. fill the order. They dress all their poultry and guarantee satisfaction. 69-2

—A party of eight Chinese and thirty-five Mohammedans went through Billings Saturday morning on their way to the coast. The foreigners were the crew of a vessel recently sold in New York, and are on their way home under bond.

—Wm. Day Edgell, commonly known as "Red," paid a \$15 fine in the police court this morning and was released from the city jail, where he spent twenty-one days. About three weeks ago he was fined \$15 or seven and a half days' work for being drunk, but refused to work and has since languished in the bastille.

—Great Falls correspondence in Anaconda Standard: W. H. Smith, the colored swall who was arrested in this city a few weeks ago, is to have his preliminary hearing in Billings Tuesday for disposing of a team of horses which did not belong to him. When arrested here Smith was living with a young white girl, who has since left, presumably for her home down the Northern Pacific.

—In the district court in Red Lodge last week Judge Frank Henry handed down a written opinion in the case of Ella D. Gebo, wife of Samuel Gebo, against the Clarke Fork Coal Mining company. In the decision the court holds that Mrs. Gebo's complaint is wholly lacking in the allegation of facts and that by her own laches she has permitted the time to elapse in which she should have made application to purchase or contest the rights of the company to the land in question.

—Justice of the Peace Geo. Simpson of Columbus was a visitor in the city Saturday. It has been several months since he was in Billings, during which time many improvements have been made in the way of new buildings, and Mr. Simpson took occasion to comment on the great growth. He also said Columbus was growing nicely. Speaking of the rumored newspaper for Columbus, Mr. Simpson said a person had to go away from home to learn the news, as nothing was known in Columbus regarding the proposed journalistic venture.

—Justice Kelly's court and a jury has been engaged yesterday and today in hearing a case of alleged assault in the third degree, preferred by Mrs. H. P. Nelson, wife of the painter, against Geo. and Mamie Boe, his wife. It is alleged that the assault occurred at the home of J. K. Svensen, on South Thirty-first street, last Friday. Mrs. Nelson claiming that she was struck on the head and arm with a beer bottle or flat iron. Mrs. Nelson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Svensen and George Boe is the grandson, and it is thought the row occurred over the division of the old gentleman's property, he having made a will and left part of it to his wife and part of it to his several children.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

Pete Newman Has Both Legs Cut Off on the N. P.

Just as The Gazette goes to press a telegram has been received stating that A. H. Newman of this city, better known as Pete, has had both legs cut off, above the knees, the accident occurring near Bozeman. He is about 25 years old, is a son of O. N. Newman and has been employed as a freight brakeman on the Northern Pacific only a few weeks.

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Grand Opera Recital

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IT IS HIGH TIME TO BE IN A HURRY.

Only four shopping days before Christmas and think what is to be done. To be sure we are making them as long as practicable by keeping the store open until 9 P. M., but time flies.

COME IN THE MORNING IF POSSIBLE.

The Store is then at its best, the crowd will not annoy you, and the salespeople can attend more satisfactorily to your wants. There is so much to be seen here that it cannot be appreciated to its fullest extent during the afternoon rush.

YOUR HOLIDAY BUYING IS HERE MADE EASY

and economical. Your Xmas wants have been intelligently interpreted and the result is an elegantly selected assortment of choice goods especially desirable for holiday gifts, you and everybody else will find much to rejoice at in the variety of suitable things and the extreme lowness of our prices.

A FEW PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS:

- HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, FANS, POCKET BOOKS, GARTERS,
- BRIC-A-BRAC, GLASSWARE, CHINAWARE,
- GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES,
- MIRRORS, TOILET SETS, SMOKERS' SETS, INKSTANDS, DOLLS,
- PICTURES AND PICTURE FRAMES, MUFFLERS AND NECKWEAR, ATOMINERS'
- JEWEL CASES,