

County and State

Happenings of a Week Around Billings.

News Notes from All Around the State.

NEWSY LETTER FROM COLUMBUS.

Cornet Band Progressing Nicely—Still-water Survey Nearly Completed.

Special Correspondence of The Gazette. Columbus, Jan. 10.—Dr. James Craig and Mrs. Craig were visitors at the county seat yesterday.

Frank Quinn has returned from Butte, where he has been visiting for the past few weeks.

Miss Maud Penman is much improved, and her many friends entertain hopes for her recovery.

In the valleys the snow is still quite deep and is badly crusted. On the hills, where it was drifted, the ground is bare in many places and stock is doing well.

The Columbus cornet band, under the instruction of Professor Wood, is making rapid progress. The members meet for practice Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings in each week.

A quiet wedding took place today at the residence of Mr. Tom Farlin. Mr. Farlin and Miss Floeder were the contracting parties and Rev. Joseph Pope appeared as attorney for both plaintiff and defendant.

The contract for the riprapping on the south bank of the Yellowstone was let last week to Mr. Stuart, @ \$1.25 per yard. Considerable dissatisfaction is felt by the taxpayers because the bid @ \$1, by Mr. Ben Olson was rejected.

Mr. Sawyer of Billings is a visitor at our little city today.

No ice has yet been out in the Yellowstone, the river not having closed over at this point. A. P. Wheat is erecting a new ice house and preparing to begin the harvest as soon as winter does her part.

Surveyor Mambrew is now finishing the Stillwater survey, which has been in progress for several years, but up to this time had never been accepted. This time the surveyor was accompanied by the inspector and it is safe to say the work will be O. K. at Washington. The lines have been altered and the Stillwater river meandered from Absarokee to the Yellowstone, which will make many changes in the ranches. Owing to the lack of funds the survey will not be completed in the townships bordering on the Yellowstone river.

Judge Simpson made a business trip up the Stillwater Monday to look after the interests of the bankrupt stock of Mr. Lovett.

The law prohibiting minors from loitering in saloons ought to be strictly enforced. During the holidays a number of boys were seen under the influence of liquor and they can be found at all times of night in the saloons. This is a disgrace to the boys, the saloon men and the public. In other towns along the line, the law is enforced and it would be to the credit of everyone, should it be so here.

A. J. Tompson, who was arrested and sentenced Tuesday night for stealing money belonging to Mr. Wilder, better known as "Dogy," was completely vindicated by Sheriff Meyers finding the money in "Dogy's" bed. It seems that "Dogy" had \$250 under his pillow. He was taken sick that night and was nursed by Tompson, who has always been considered honest. In the night he missed his money and swore out a search warrant. The search revealed the fact that Tompson was "down to cases," having only one stove lid on his person. It must be said for "Dogy" that he made a very neat "divy" when he met Tompson and is now making it right with the boys.

Mrs. Frank Quinn was severely injured yesterday, while leaving the Northern Pacific R R yards on a freight train. The caboose got a jolt which floored all the passengers and threw Mrs. Quinn against the stove, cutting her face and burning both hands severely. The conductor promptly pulled back to Billings and had the wounds properly dressed by Dr. Armstrong. Mrs. Quinn is suffering from many bruises and burns today, but considers herself fortunate to be alive.

THE LAUREL BRIDGE.

Second Span Completed Last Sunday—A. O. U. W. Installs Officers.

Special Correspondence of The Gazette. Laurel, Jan. 10.—The fine weather still continues.

Mrs. Unger is still under the doctor's care, but improving.

Ed. Lightfoot has moved into his new house.

J. W. Gardner lost one of his gray horses last night.

T. A. Snidow was in town the other day. "Tom" looks very happy since his last trip to Missouri.

Ed Fenton has moved into the Gardner house.

Mrs. James Russell is on the sick list.

H. A. McClain has gone to the Musselshell to sell nursery stock. There is some talk of Mack starting a nursery here in the near future.

Laurel has a barber shop. Next!

Professor Kuris opened school again last Monday, after two weeks' vacation.

"Shanty" McFarlin and his bridge crew came down on the Bridger train tonight.

The contractors finished the second span of the new bridge last Sunday.

The A. O. U. W. installed officers.

Last Saturday night, Laurel (No. 38 is one of the best small lodges in the state and the boys are out for new members for 1900.

NO NEWS FROM SHUTLEN

Who Was Arrested on the Musselshell and Taken to Russia.

Special Correspondence to The Gazette. Musselshell, Jan. 11.—A great deal of sickness is reported hereabouts, although no serious cases.

Edward A. Baldwin of Baldwin P. O., left last week by stage for Billings and other western points, intending to be gone two or three weeks.

C. C. Cook, the efficient and popular foreman of the R. I. ranch, was in the city the first of the week and reports the snow about all gone in his part of the country.

G. O. Peterson, who owns a ranch on the lower Musselshell river, was in town one day last week, purchasing supplies. He says he has not received any word from his late partner, Shulten since leaving New York, who was arrested and taken to Russia last month on the charge of defaulting before coming to America and subsequently traced to here.

Handel Brothers are making preparations to take their annual inventory of stock.

A letter was received last week from Frank Custer, stating that he was to be removed from Billings to Miles City the 6th inst, and his trial was to take place about the middle of March next for the killing of Max Hildebrandt.

Great preparations are going on for a grand St. Valentine's ball at the local hall on Wednesday night, Feb. 14th. The local orchestra is rehearsing new music for the occasion and a pleasant and jolly time is assured. Supper will be served at the hotel and the usual invitation is extended all to be present.

E. B. Carter, of Carter & Carper, the rustling sheep raisers and buyer, spent one day in our city last week.

BRIDGER FLASHES.

A Painful Accident Resulting from a Scuffle—News Notes.

Special Correspondence to The Gazette. Bridger, Jan. 10.—Wiley Shorts, aged 25, died Saturday of pneumonia. He was a highly respected young man and leaves many friends to mourn his death.

Samuel Corburn, assistant fireman at the power house, is very ill with pneumonia.

James Orton, of the firm of Orton Bros., of Butte, was a business visitor here this week.

Mrs. Henry of Gebu is still on the sick list.

Monday evening Mrs. Frank Smith met with a very serious accident, while engaged in a playful scuffle with her daughter, Blanche, who was holding an ax, which fell on her mother's head, causing concussion of the brain. Great fears for her recovery are entertained.

John Foreman who was arrested here last Thursday for cruelty to animals, had his preliminary hearing Saturday and was bound over to the district court in bonds of \$150. He attacked a horse belonging to Mr. Barber, with an ax and inflicted several severe injuries.

Reverend McPherson of Red Lodge held services here last Sunday. He thinks of locating here permanently.

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

The state land department has received from the secretary of the interior patents for 38,578 acres of land, the list of which has just been approved by the federal government. A large part of this land is credited to the agricultural college fund.

The bodies of all Montana volunteers who met death in the Philippines are to be brought home by the government within the next three months. Captain Philip Greenan of Company L of Helena, who went out as a lieutenant in Company K of Anacosta, has received this assurance from the war department.

The first meeting of the board of trustees of the state school of mines was held in Butte last Saturday evening. All of the members of the board of education were present, ex-Chief Justice Fomberton, J. V. Long, George Moulthrop and J. M. Forbis. The trustees met as a board of commissioners who are to equip the school and employ the faculty and have everything in shape for the opening of the school by the 1st of September.

Harry Bush, manager and owner of the Revenue mine and mill, near Livingston, made an assignment in that city Monday. This action was made necessary for the reason that two of Mr. Bush's creditors insisted on enforcing their claims at a time when he was unable to meet their demands. The assets exceed the liabilities by several thousands of dollars and but for the fact that these two parties were pressing their claims, litigation of any kind would never have been resorted to.

The Honessy Mercantile company warehouse in Butte was destroyed by fire early Monday morning, at a loss of not less than \$50,000, and probably more. The building was a brick structure containing three floors and a basement. The two lower floors were filled with groceries, and in the upper floors furniture and bedding were stored. The fire originated in the highly inflammable material on the top floor, presumably by some defect in electrical

wiring, although many are inclined to believe it to have been of incendiary origin.

An Associated Press dispatch announces that "it is reported that James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad is about to add a mammoth steel plant to his other properties. This plant is to be located at Great Falls, Mont. Its primary purpose is to manufacture steel rails, bridge steel and other articles especially required in railroad construction, maintenance and operation, but to what extent it may branch out beyond these lines cannot be guessed." The dispatch is from St. Paul.

Two certificates of incorporation were issued by the secretary of state Monday. One went to the Custer County Commercial Telephone company and the other to the McRae Supply company. The telephone company proposes to construct, operate and maintain a local exchange in Miles City and long distance lines in Custer county. The capital stock is \$10,000. John McRae, of Lea, Custer county, and Thomas M. Alexander and Maurice L. Benthedel, of Forsyth, Custer county, were the incorporators of the McRae Supply company. The concern proposes to carry on a general merchandise business at Forsyth. The capital is \$28,500, all paid up.

Governor Smith seems to experience some difficulty in finding a person willing to succeed ex-Gov. J. K. Toole on the state and land commission. H. L. Frank, who was appointed, failed to qualify. J. M. Holt, of Miles City, was then named. He informed the governor that because of his many interests in Texas that frequently take him away from the state he would be unable to give the position the time it demanded. This week the governor accordingly appointed ex-Representative Joseph T. Brown, of Miles City. The appointment is considered a good one providing Mr. Brown can give his attention to the office. He is appointed for the term expiring April 3, 1900.

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Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Billings, Yellowstone county, Montana, for the week ending Jan. 8, 1900.

Anderson, John; Berkheimer, J. F.; Butler, Roy G.; Byrum, H. E. (2); Collins, Arthur S.; Consee, Fell; Dandridge, Damon; Eaton, T. J.; Ehle, S. A.; Fetter, Cephas W.; Foster Albert; Gristerson, Henry; Harry, Miss Teri; Jorgenson, Anton; Lufver, J.; Lambirth, Ben; Loper, H.; Long, Ed.; Morgan, Miss Mary; Morrison, J. C.; McCuzyre, P.; Reid, Madame; Richardson, W. H.; Riggs, Charles; Robinson, W. F.; Salisbury, Baxter; Summers, Wm.; Tod, Andrew; Yeagore, Mrs. W. E.; Young, Walter.

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MONDAY NIGHT.

"Too Much Johnson," a Rich Farce Comedy at the Opera House.

On Monday, Jan. 15 the patrons of the opera house will have an opportunity of seeing one of the best farce comedies in the west put on by a first-class company, when, "Too Much Johnson" fills that date at the theatre. The play is one of Frohman's greatest New York successes and was written by William Gillette, author of "The Private Secretary," "Held by the Enemy" and other well known productions.

The doings of a New York attorney, who, on account of his wild affection for a somewhat flighty matron, is compelled to take refuge in Cuba under the assumed name of Johnson forms the plot of the piece and around this is woven a series of complications which are enough to drive the bogus Johnson crazy with fear, and the audience wild with laughter.

There is not a dull line in the play and not a stupid action from the start to the finish. The sale of seats opens Friday, Jan. 12th.

TALKS ON THE PHILIPPINES

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church feast, but the number who were showing themselves to us in military uniform and carrying Mauser rifles.

"Thus, another point of more or less interest, was situated about three miles from Bacoor, and hearing that on the following day there was to be another feast to some one of their saints, I obtained a carmatta and visited the town. You found the natives in gala dress; the stores and shops were closed; the military in this town uniformed and under arms, making preparations for this great feast. To add a little to the hilarity of the occasion the Spanish and Filipino prisoners that they held were brought out and compelled to carry banners and engage in the festivities. A sight that was particularly impressive to me was one wherein some 600 boys, from 8 to 12 years of age, were marshaled under the leadership of officers, and with proper accoutrement, were going through all the maneuvers of a well disciplined army. Not only this, but seeing some Americans on one of the streets, as they passed they saluted the whole crowd of them, with one voice, yelling 'independencia.' Someone tapped me on the shoulder and said, in excellent Spanish: 'That means that you Americans will have to leave the islands.' I shook my head in approval and started for my carmatta, feeling that at least there was one American that would get out of reach of the four thousand that were engaged in these festivities.

"The question has been frequently asked: 'How was it possible for the Filipinos to hold, at the beginning of the hostilities, so many Spanish prisoners?' It is easily answered, when one takes into consideration the Spanish methods of fighting and the country in which the fighting occurred. The Filipinos simply studied the Spanish methods, making use of the same, and frequently would, in their skirmishing, come across large bodies of Spaniards who were tired of fighting, of the insufficient pay they were receiving, and were hoping, by laying down their arms, to obtain food and clothing and rest. The fact that many of the Spaniards who were in the Philippine islands were volunteers, who had been taken over on false pretenses, and whose sympathies were not at all with the Spanish cause, and they laid themselves open in almost every instance to capture. We found, in almost every town that we visited before active hostilities began on the American side, anywhere from 1,500 to 3,000 prisoners; these were native and Spaniard. Poor fellows, they little dreamed of the torture that was to be theirs, for no sooner had they become prisoners of war than the same cruelties that they visited upon the Filipinos were visited upon them.

"At once we first came in contact with the primitive method of burial. In our country a funeral is always a sombre occasion; there, it seems to be a time for hilarity. You will see four natives, probably, going along the street carrying a pink, or red, or blue box upon their shoulders, with the cover removed and the body exposed; they arrive at the cemetery; the box is thrust into a niche; the niche closed, and the natives will return to their homes for a big feast. Curiously prompted me to remain after the funeral at the cemetery, and I was ushered into the bonyard. Here a pile of skulls and skeletons, that had been buried for some length of time, was exposed to view. I wondered at this and wondered whether or not it was because the ground had become so taken up that there was not room for fresh arrivals, but was told that it was nothing of the kind; that the fees had not been paid and that, therefore, the bodies had been exhumed. While there I saw another funeral coming in and thought that I would watch it, for it seemed to be a little higher-toned than the one that had preceded. The body was most gorgeously arrayed; the hearse most elaborately equipped; the four black horses had immense plumes, and on the side of each of the horses was to be found a boy with a high hat and cockade, swallow-tail coat, knee breeches, black hose and a pair of enameled shoes; the horses were also caparisoned. Following the hearse was a Filipino band, and the air played on that particular occasion seemed to me to be a mixture of 'Sweet Violets,' 'On the Wabash,' and 'A Hot Time.' There was little delay when the niche that had been bought and paid for was discovered to be closed. The body was taken into the mortuary, placed on the altar and the relatives, with the old sexton, went out to the niche in the wall to find out just what was the trouble. A chisel and hammer were brought into requisition, the brick and mortar that closed the opening were removed, when it was discovered that a body, that for five or ten years, possibly, had lain undisturbed within the niche, had crumbled away. The sexton didn't do a thing but obtain a broad-bladed hoe with a very long handle, insert it in the opening thus made, pull out a few pieces of boards, a skull with the hair, and then the bones and the decayed clothing, and drop them down at the front, and then proceeded to inter the body of the native with all the usual solemnities of an occasion of that kind. When we left the cemetery the bones and dust and portions of the coffin were lying just where they had been shoveled, waiting for the convenience of the sexton, after he had finished with his portion of the funeral feasts, to come back and remove them to the bone pile."

(To be continued next Friday.)

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Grand.

Friday, Jan. 5.—G L Fry, St. Louis; S G Reynolds, city; P Howin, H E Seaman, Omaha; Otto Franz, Wyo.; P Himmon, St. Louis; E C Atwater, Butte; G F Buts, Neb.; Wm. Gallaher, N P Ry.; E H Johnson, Miles City; R E Gruwel, city; R F Casey, Minneapolis; E T Kempfer, St. Paul; D O Dickinson, Chicago; J F Walker, Minneapolis; M L O'Brien, Glendive; O C Cato, Miles City.

Saturday—W S Kelley, Helena; G P Dier, Bozeman; J Kohout, H Mueller, E E Peterson, Butte; E L Waxham, L Harris, Chicago; V Lieberg, city; J R Norris, Chicago; J Byrne, Butte; M H Kane, P E Gelow, F E Krause, G W Reynolds and wife; A Harrison, Burke; R Rantoul, H Blakely, St. Paul; B W Cooker, Chicago; M P Gleason, Butte.

Sunday.—O O Gruwel wife, son and daughter, city; O P Boones, Chicago; W T Hogg, E Watson, Wyoming; W F Meyer, Red Lodge; E A Harvester, St. Paul; J S Frey, Minneapolis; E R Gould, St. Paul; G Merrill, Ill.; H L Miller, Glendive.

Monday.—M Loenstein, Butte; T Simonson, Mont.; P R Sauer, Helena; D Daveport, Max Aesch, Helena; O C Bowlen, S M Gabe, Red Lodge; G H Clark, Neb.; M Warren, Neb.; A E Kent, Mich.; D O Robue, St. Louis; H M Parkman, A E Daugher, Detroit; A Garther, Butte; M L O'Brien, Glendive.

At The Driscoll.

Friday, Jan. 5.—A A Campbell, Helena; A Robinson, Roundup; H O Jolly, city; A Sturtzoff, Helena; J T Brown, Bridger; Miss O Wade, Mary D Murray, J Duke Murray, H L Solter, Lawrence Griffith, Frank Welsh, John Carey, London Life Co., New York.

Saturday.—Geo W Gaurz, Red Lodge; P B Merrill, Park City; J Thos J Flanagan, Red Lodge; J C Dawkins, St. Paul; E R Dodge, Blue Creek.

Sunday.—W A Hall and wife, Ginnabar; T C Mills, Helena; John Krugher, Brooklyn; Jas T Murphy, Minneapolis; W M Randall, Junction; W M Curtin, Leavenworth; Eugene Laurant and wife; F Snack, Omaha; J Norris, Omaha; W Gallagher, N. P. Ry.

Monday.—E J Barrs, John Stanley, Huntley; E B Camp, Laurel; Frank Fisher, Livingston; S O Onok, city; F A Johnston and wife, city.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Bozeman, Mont., January 4, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before T. A. Williams, clerk of the District Court at Billings, Montana, on February 17, 1900, viz:

IRA O. STEPHENSON,

Homestead entry No. 3117 for the south-east quarter, section 24, township 2 south, range 23 east, M. P. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Nathan S. Boyd, of Laurel, Montana, Edwin L. Fenton of Laurel, Montana, Clayton Severance of Laurel, Montana, Charles S. McFarlin of Billings, Montana.

A. L. LOVE, Register.

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No. 41. Passenger, daily from above points. Arrive 7:03 p.m.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Lewistown, Mont., Nov. 17, 1899.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William M. Murphy, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 651, made November 13, 1893, for south half south-east quarter, north-east quarter south-east quarter, south-east quarter north-east quarter, section 10, township 5 north, range 20 east, by Frank Lamont, contestee, in which it is alleged that Frank Lamont died December 25, 1898, that he had changed his residence therefrom for more than six months previous to the time of his death, that said absence was not caused by his employment in the military or naval service of the United States in time of war, that said tract has been wholly abandoned by each and every heir of the said deceased ever since the death of the said entryman, and that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by any of the aforementioned parties or by any party whomsoever as required by law; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 17th, 1900, before T. A. Williams, clerk of the Seventh Judicial District court of the State of Montana and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 27th, 1900, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in Lewistown, Montana.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Sept. 26, 1899, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication in the Billings Gazette published at Billings, Mont.

EDWARD BRASEY, Register.



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FRED H. FOSTER, local agent.