

FREIGHT RATES TO BE FIXED

OFFICIALS OF NEW ROAD AND BUSINESS MEN CONFER.

BILLINGS THE CENTER

Plans to Make This City the Market Place of Eastern, Central and Northern Montana—Officials Much Pleased with Operations on New Road.

W. W. Broughton, traffic manager, W. P. Kenney, assistant traffic manager, and H. A. Jackson, assistant freight and passenger agent all of the Great Northern lines went out yesterday over the line of the Billings & Northern on a trip of inspection.

The railroad men have been in and out of Billings since the time the new road was opened between this city and Great Falls. They are thoroughly satisfied with the way everything is running and are much pleased with the reception the trains received in all the towns along the road.

Business Conference.

The railroad officials and the business men of the city held a meeting in the Billings club Wednesday evening and talked over freight rates. Nothing has been given out, but it is understood that a schedule satisfactory to the business interests will be agreed upon in a few days. It has been stated, however, that the rates submitted by the railroad men were entirely satisfactory to the merchants who wish to make a bid for the trade along the line.

The opening of the Billings & Northern will mean much to the Sugar City. It will make Billings the market place of eastern and sections of northern Montana. It will also gain some business from central Montana although this is the territory which is disputed by the Butte merchants and they will attempt to make headway in that section.

It brings a virgin country, as yet undeveloped to any extent, to Billings' door and the business men of this city intend to make a strong bid for the business which rightly belongs here. It will be a campaign of boost which will be carried on unceasingly until Billings is made the most important town in the treasure state.

RUEF JURY SECURED

Cracked ex-Political Boss of San Francisco Will Have a New Trial, Commencing Today, Jury Having Been Secured.

CONGRESS BREAKS UP IN FREE FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The taking of testimony in the third trial of Abraham Ruef, former political boss of this city, on one of the several scores of indictments against him, charging him with bribery, will commence before Superior Court Judge Lawyer tomorrow. After ten weeks' work, during which time more than 1,400 veniremen were summoned, the twelfth man to complete the jury was secured and sworn in today.

The work of getting a jury began August 26. The transcript of the examination of the veniremen covers 5,000 pages, containing 375,000 words. The cost of the transcript alone, preliminary to the actual trial, is about \$6,000.

The specific charge upon which Ruef will be tried is the bribing of Former Supervisor John J. Fury, to vote for a trolley franchise for the United railroads, which was granted to the street railway company soon after the disaster of April, 1906.

SAM KLEIN BUYS THE LYRIC THEATER

WILL OPEN IT AS VAUDEVILLE HOUSE SOON.

Sam Klein, manager of the Theatreum, yesterday purchased from Williams and Hayhurst, the new Lyric theater and will take possession of it November 10. Mr. Klein will conduct it as a high class vaudeville theater.

Carpenters will start to work today in the new theater remodeling it for a vaudeville house and Mr. Klein says that it will be opened between November 15 and 20, or just as soon as the work of remodeling is completed.

He intends to present six excellent vaudeville acts on the program and will secure them from one of the best circuits in the country. The program will be changed twice each week, opening Sunday and opening again Wednesday with new people and new acts, the players here in the first part of the week going to some other play house on the circuit.

REPUBLICAN ELECTED.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 5.—With practically complete returns from every county in Arizona but one, Ralph H. Cameron, Republican, is elected to congress, defeating Marcus A. Smith Democrat, incumbent, by 500 votes.

MISSOURI IS REPUBLICAN

G. O. P. IS THERE WITH THE GOODS.

GOVERNOR REPUBLICAN

Republicans May Elect the Entire State Ticket, and Then all the Democrats Can do is to go Way Back and Sit Down and Look On.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 6.—Returns compiled at one o'clock this morning give Taft 317,124 votes in Missouri and Bryan 312,889, a plurality for Taft of 4,235.

Hadley's plurality for governor is 19,993.

Returns almost complete give Stone, the Democratic senatorial nominee the nomination over Folk by 18,429. If the legislature is Democratic on joint ballot by six votes, Stone is assured of re-election to the senate, provided that all Democrats in the legislature abide by the advisory vote of the presidency. That it will do this is by no means certain and there are predictions tonight of a senatorial deadlock. Lieutenant Governor John C. McKinley has probably won the Republican senatorial nomination over Richard C. Kerens by about 15,000.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 5.—Returns compiled at 11 o'clock tonight from every county in Missouri give Taft a plurality of 4,601. While complete reports are not in from every county, yet the returns are full enough to make a Republican victory in this state of the national ticket a certainty.

The plurality of Hadley, Republican, for governor, has reached 17,000, but whether he has carried with him the rest of the Republican state ticket has not yet been determined. He has run far ahead of his associates. In most of the counties of the state but the Republican state committee insists that the minor state candidates will receive pluralities of no less than that given to Taft.

At 11:00 o'clock the Democrats seem to be assured of the general assembly by 11 votes on joint ballot.

In the house the Republicans have 73 members and the Democrats 69. The senate, however, is Democratic by the ratio of 22 to 12.

Late returns from the rural counties show surprising gains for Governor Folk in the contest with Senator William J. Stone for the Democratic senatorial nomination and there is a possibility that he will yet overcome the tremendous lead that Stone received in St. Louis and Kansas City. John C. McKinley is still in the lead for the Republican senatorial nomination.

CONGRESS BREAKS UP IN FREE FIGHT

HOW DIFFERENCES ARE SETTLED IN ECUADOR.

QUITO, Nov. 5.—The extraordinary session of the Equadorean congress has just been concluded with riotous scenes that ended in a serious fight. A number of the ministers, but particularly the minister of finance, was warmly attacked by the minority in the house, who accused them of being participants in extensive frauds. The supporters of the government retaliated by assaulting the minority deputies, while they were leaving the congress, many of whom were wounded in the encounter.

NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The National Civic federation, it is announced, will hold its annual meeting in this city December 14 and 15. At the same time the women's department of the federation will meet. The annual banquet of the federation will be held on the evening of December 14.

NEW GOLD COINS ARE BEING STRUCK

STRONGER RELIEF IS TO BE ADOPTED IN FUTURE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The mints of Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver today began coining new \$5 gold pieces struck on a different plan from any heretofore coined in the world. It follows an idea expressed to President Roosevelt by Dr. Sturges Bigelow of Boston, that to permit the coins being piled to a uniform height, strong relief might be used by depressing the design below the field or face of the coin, instead of facing it as usual in coinage operations. This would provide a flat field and a uniform thickness, the flat surface taking the wear and protecting the relief, the shape of the depression following the outline of the relief. The same will be used on the two and half dollar pieces and all will bear "In God We Trust" motto.

HOW THE NEXT HOUSE STANDS

REPUBLICANS WILL HAVE 215 MEMBERS ON THE FLOOR.

RETURNS ARE ALL IN

Democrats Will Have 175 Representatives, and Very Few Changes Will Be Made by Belated Returns from the Outside Districts.

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—The Republican party will, according to present returns from all congressional districts in the United States control the next house of representatives by a majority of 41. The figures so far received show the election of 216 Republicans and 175 Democrats, a gain for the latter party of nine.

The majorities in several districts are reported as extremely close, and it is possible that in a few instances the count may change the figures given above. The following list shows the number of representatives elected from all the states.

Table with columns: State, Dem. Rep. showing electoral results for various states like Alabama, Arkansas, California, etc.

SHOES STOLEN.

Thieves Take Tans and Blacks From Freight Car. Nine pairs of tan shoes valued at \$5 a pair and six pairs of black shoes valued at \$3 a pair were stolen from a freight car in the Northern Pacific yards Tuesday night. The police are working on the case.

CARBON AIDS IN DIVIDEND

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on the railroad in this state and is now putting in improvements that will cost \$1,000,000 to the mines at Red Lodge.

This is the only dividend the company has paid in years and analyzed from the formation of the company to the present time it means the payment only of about 6 per cent annually on the stock of the company. Looking at the dividend from this standpoint it is nothing extraordinary.

Indications are that the company will operate at a revenue producing basis for at least two years, covering which period a contract has been signed with the miners. The contract was only recently signed and it is thought the declaration of the dividend was postponed until the company had settled wage disputes for some time with its employees.

Further particulars as to this dividend and its effect on the stock market will be found on page 6 of this paper.

RESULT IN MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, Nov. 5.—Governor Warner's plurality for re-election stands tonight between 7,553 and 11,136 of the count in Wayne county practically complete and fairly complete returns from the state. (Philip Breitmeyer, Republican, was elected mayor of Detroit by a plurality of 2,428 over Mayor William B. Thompson, Democrat. Apparently only two Democrats have been elected to the state legislature.

Large advertisement for SILVERWARE featuring 'A SPLENDID EIGHT PIECE SET OF GUARANTEED SOLID MAGNETIC SILVERWARE' and 'Free to the Billings Gazette Subscribers'.

DESERT LAND WITHDRAWALS

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT VAST ACREAGE BE WITHHELD.

NEW PLAN PROPOSED

Commissioner Bennett Suggests That There be a Classification of all the Lands in the United States, Saying That Irrigation Promises Much.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—In his annual report for the last fiscal year Commissioner Fred Bennett, of the general land office, recommends the withdrawal from entry of all public lands which may be irrigated which are now capable of being utilized for homes. On that point he says:

"The proper step to take would be to classify the lands of the United States in order to ascertain what public lands, which in their present condition are incapable of affording a home, are susceptible for irrigation to a cost even much greater than that now entertained by the reclamation service, and to withdraw these lands from entry awaiting the time when they can by irrigation be made homes either under the United States government or under the Carey act. It will be only comparatively few years before an irrigation project which will cost as high as \$200 an acre is considered practicable, the market for the land justifying such an expenditure. No one can be hurt by such a withdrawal; for desert land which cannot be reclaimed by the individual effort of a settler can never become a home until water is brought to it by the government or state or by the expenditure of vast sums by private enterprises."

Mr. Bennett says the land office has recommended that suits be brought on timber claims aggregating \$377,510.

"There were secured," he added, "234 indictments for fraud, which resulted in 63 convictions and 60 acquittals, the remaining cases not yet having been tried. Two thousand eight hundred and eighty-five entries were cancelled because of adverse reports of special agents. By reason of individuals there have been recovered from fraudulent entry during the fiscal year 1907-8, a total of 383,600 acres, exclusive of many relinquishments."

The total receipts of the office of the year were \$12,715,709, an increase over the previous year of \$1,162,531. The total area of land originally entered during the year is 19,090,369 acres, a decrease of 1,907,209 acres as compared with 1907. The total area upon which final proof was made is 8,068,044 acres.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Billings, Montana, Oct. 24, 1908.—Notice is hereby given that Cecelia C. Dunfield, of Ballantine, Montana, who, on September 14, 1906, made homestead entry No. 256, Serial No. 0363, for S 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 section 17, township 1 north, range 23 E., M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Billings, Montana, on the 17th day of December, 1908.

Claimant claims as witnesses: Mrs. Christie Hart, of Ballantine, Montana; Mrs. Mary Wilcox, of Ballantine, Montana; Henry M. Cady, of Ballantine, Montana; Mrs. Mildred Hart Gargery, of Billings, Montana. Non-Coal Land. R. P. JACKSON, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Billings, Montana, Oct. 24, 1908.—Notice is hereby given that George Crouch, of Custer, Montana, who, on July 29, 1906, made homestead entry No. 148, Serial No. 0384, for S 1/4 NW 1/4, section 29; SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, section 30, township 3 north, range 34 E., M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Billings, Montana, on the 15th day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Martin Burns, of Custer, Montana; John Maurer, of Custer, Montana; William A. Clark, of Hardin, Montana; Alex. Calif, of Billings, Montana. Non-Coal Land. R. P. JACKSON, Register.

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Advertisement for Yellowstone National Bank, listing capital and surplus.

Advertisement for Cash Paid for Field Seeds, Huse Yates Co., Billings, Montana.

Advertisement for WE BUY FURS & HIDES, featuring a fox and text about buying furs.