

MAY BUILD BIG OIL REFINERY

CALIFORNIA OIL MEN LOOKING OVER FIELD. GARLAND OIL IS FINE Better Oil Than California, Texas or Indian Territory—Has Paraffine Base, Other Oils Have Asphalt Base—Too High Grade For Fuel.

From Saturday's Daily. W. M. Fitzhugh and F. D. Shields, oil promoters and investors of San Francisco, Cal., are in the city and will leave this morning for the Grey Bull gas district, at Grey Bull, where they will investigate the natural gas proposition there.

MRS. SYDNEY FOX IS BURIED AT RED LODGE

MANY FRIENDS GO TO RED LODGE TO ATTEND SERVICES. From Saturday's Daily. The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, wife of Judge Fox of the district court, was held yesterday afternoon from the family home in Red Lodge and the body was interred in the Red Lodge cemetery.

NEW SECRETARY IS NAMED BY DIRECTORS

M. BRAYTON IS ELECTED—SALARY OF OFFICE REDUCED. From Saturday's Daily. E. M. Brayton was chosen secretary of the Billings Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon to succeed Jean Decker, whose resignation was accepted.

COUNTY EXAMINERS MEET

Examined The Papers of Recent Teachers' Examination. The board of county examiners, which is composed of County Superintendent Mrs. Sara G. Morse, Prof. Longley at Laurel and H. M. Brayton of Billings held a meeting last night at the county superintendent's office to examine papers written in the recent examination.

SMALL BLAZE

Fire which started from a defective fuse in one of the small buildings occupied by A. E. Bury, a wood dealer, at Montana avenue and Twenty-second street, called out the fire department in a hurry. The damage was nominal.

SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL LECTURES

DATES ARRANGED FOR LECTURES FOR BILLINGS. PRACTICAL SUBJECTS Montana Farmers' Institutes and Agricultural College Will Deliver a Number of Highly Instructive and Entertaining Lectures to Pupils.

From Sunday's Daily. The schedule for the series of lectures to be delivered to the high school pupils and others interested, by the Montana Farmers' Institutes college and the Montana Agricultural College, of Bozeman, has been arranged. The dates of the lectures have been set and they will be delivered between January 8 and March 17.

MRS. MARY EVANS DEAD IN IOWA HOME

MOTHER OF MRS. SARA G. MORSE AND ROY EVANS. From Sunday's Daily. Mrs. Sara G. Morse, county superintendent of schools, yesterday received a telegram announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. Harry G. Evans, which occurred yesterday at her home in West Liberty, Iowa.

REVIVAL IS CLOSED AT THE M. E. CHURCH

RESULTS WERE GRATIFYING TO THE CHURCH WORKERS. From Sunday's Daily. The revival services, which have been conducted at the Methodist church, have closed and Rev. Leland, who assisted, has returned to his home in Glendive, and Prof. H. B. Ireland, the musical director has gone to his home in Kansas City.

ELECTED CITY CLERK

D. E. WATSEBAUGH, LAUREL NEWSPAPERMAN, ELECTED CITY CLERK. D. E. Watsbaugh, editor of the Laurel Sentinel, who has just been appointed city clerk of the new town, was in the city yesterday getting information from Judge J. D. Matheson, city clerk of Billings, on the methods of keeping a set of city books.

LIVESTOCK CONVENTION

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 19.—H. A. Jastro, of Bakersfield, Cal., president, and T. W. Tomlinson, of Denver, secretary of the American National Livestock association arrived in Los Angeles today to arrange for the twelfth annual convention of the association which will be held in this city from January 26 to 28. From 500 to 1,000 delegates will be in attendance.

YOUNG MEN SHOOT UP A TOWN

WAYCROSS, Ga., Dec. 19.—To wreak vengeance for the arrest of a companion on the charge of being drunk, six young white men rode into the town of Beach, 19 miles north of here, last night, and fired 500 shots, riddling buildings and terrorizing the town. Four young women who were walking on one of the streets were fired at, and Maggie Taylor, the 14-year old daughter of Leonard P. Taylor, was probably fatally wounded.

BILLINGS TO BID FOR CONGRESS

STANDS EXCELLENT CHANCE OF SECURING THE MEETING. DRY FARMING CONGRESS May be Secured for Billings for 1910—Matter Will be Taken Before Billings Chamber of Commerce—Billings Will Stand an Excellent Chance.

From Sunday's Daily. The Dry Farming Congress may come to Billings in 1910. A letter received by I. D. O'Donnell, of this city yesterday from Alfred Atkinson, professor of astronomy at the Bozeman agricultural college, states that in his opinion, Billings stands an excellent chance of securing the meeting. The matter will be taken up by the Chamber of Commerce at its next meeting and if the chamber decides to go after the meeting steps in the matter will be taken at once.

NEW UNION CHURCH FOR CANYON CREEK

MONEY IS ABOUT RAISED FOR CHURCH EDIFICE. From Sunday's Daily. Jesse Cunningham of Canyon Creek was in the city yesterday visiting local citizens who are land owners in that section of the valley, soliciting funds for the erection of a union church edifice. It is intended to spend about \$1,500 for the building and over half of the amount has now been raised.

KENNEDY FINED; RAISED A ROW

MAN WHO INSULTED TICKET AGENT IS FINED. From Sunday's Daily. Parties who have a "grouch" will do well to keep away from the depot, and especially from venting their spleen on the ticket agent. C. E. Kennedy, who got into an argument at the depot on Friday with the ticket agent and was using profane and obscene language was in police court and was fined yesterday morning. He paid a fine of \$15, and was allowed to go his way. He left for Denver. Two drunks and a vag were told to "beat it" by Judge Mann.

RUET SENTENCE DEC. 24

He Will Get His Day Before Christmas—Motion to Delay Matters Until January 20 Not Entertained by the Court. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The passing sentence on Abraham Ruet convicted of the bribery of a supervisor to vote for a trolley franchise for the United Railroads was postponed today until Thursday, December 23. The attorneys for the defense made a strong, but unsuccessful, fight to secure a continuance until January 20, next year.

POSTOFFICE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS

ALSO THIS MORNING TO ACCOMMODATE PATRONS. From Sunday's Daily. Postmaster O. B. Prickett will keep the stamp and registry windows open Sunday morning from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., and during the evenings next week until 9 p. m. to accommodate patrons who cannot find time during working hours to send away Christmas packages.

ON A PLEASURE JAUNT

Indian Police Going Away for the Holidays. Bird Above and Spotted Rabbit, two Indian police from the Big Horn were in Billings last night on their way to Fort Berthoud, North Dakota, where they will visit with friends during the holidays. Bird Above and Spotted Rabbit are absent officers among their own people but among the "pale faces" they are simply untutored red men.

THREE MARRIAGE PERMITS

The marriage license business took a brace at the court house yesterday and three permits were granted. At the request of the bride and groom, one of them was not made public. The other two were to Tokutaru Yamato, aged 27, and Kato Komshi, aged 24, both of Billings, and both natives of Japan, and Solomon Price, aged 28, and Miss Edith Siomowitz, aged 21.

WILL BE TRIED MONDAY

The case of the State vs. Charles Johnson, charged with assault in the third degree, will be tried in the court of Justice F. L. Mann Monday. Johnson, who is an employe of the Northern Pacific roundhouse, is charged with striking Donald Calhoun over the right eye with a heavy wrench one night last week.

RUSHING WORK ON NEW BLOCK

BILLINGS HARDWARE COMPANY PLANS FINE STRUCTURE. Excavation Will be Completed Wednesday and Work on Foundation Will Commence—Largest Structure of Kind in West.

From Sunday's Daily. Excavation for the new four story block, which is to be constructed by the Billings Hardware company on the corner of Montana avenue and Twenty-eighth street, will be completed by Wednesday and work on the foundation will commence immediately. It is the intention to rush the work on the new structure with all possible speed so that it may be occupied at the earliest possible moment.

READY FOR THE NEW FAST TRAIN

ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE NORTHWESTERN FLYER. From Saturday's Daily. MADISON, Wis., Dec. 18.—It is reported by railroad men here that the Northern Pacific railroad company has entered into an agreement with the Chicago and Northwestern and Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha roads that will enable it to run through trains from Chicago to the Pacific coast.

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SECURITY WAREHOUSE CO., INC. DEALERS IN HAY, GRAIN COAL AND SEEDS WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TWENTY-SEVENTH ST. AND FIFTH AVENUE N. BOTH PHONES 494 SHOREY AND SCOTT PROPRIETORS

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