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Billings, Montana

Local and Personal

From Thursday's Daily. H. B. Smith of Bozeman spent yesterday in Billings.

J. C. Williams of Custer, Mont., was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

S. A. D. Hahn of the Helena Business college, is spending the week as the guest of friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gipe of Laurel are the guests of friends here. Formerly they made their home here.

J. J. McCullough, connected with the Northern Pacific offices at Livingston, was in the city yesterday.

P. L. Hughes of the Bituminous Coal company of Coalgate arrived in Billings yesterday on a business mission.

Miss F. C. Peters of Moneton, New Brunswick, arrived in Billings yesterday and will be the guest of friends here.

H. W. Darrah, a well-known business man of Cody, Wyo., arrived in Billings yesterday on a short business visit.

George H. Ketcher, a prominent sheepman of Fergus county, arrived in Billings yesterday from his home in Stanford, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Williams and daughters have left Billings for Bismark, N. D., where they will visit relatives and friends for a few weeks.

Mrs. H. Chapman has returned to her home in the vicinity of Roberts, after spending a few days as the guest of friends in this city.

J. C. Fillingworth, land examiner of the Northern Pacific railroad, was in the city yesterday and will spend the remainder of the week in investigating railroad lands north of this city.

Miss Hattie Hennum of Great Falls is the guest of Miss Ella Hood of this city. Miss Hennum was formerly a teacher in the Billings schools, and now occupies a like position in the schools of Great Falls.

Secretary H. M. Brayton of the Chamber of Commerce has returned from Helena, where he spent the fore part of the week in the interests of legislation for a Montana product in the building of the capitol wings.

J. G. Link has left the city for the western part of the state. He will spend a month in the Butte and Helena offices of Link & Halre. Before returning to Billings he will go to southern Nevada, where he is interested in mines.

From Wednesday's Daily. A. J. Bryant of Columbus spent Tuesday here on a business mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Y. Mesenbergh of Robert, Mont., were visitors in Billings yesterday.

Henry Janzen of Judith Gap spent Tuesday in attending to business affairs in Billings.

Dr. V. W. Foster, a Red Lodge dentist, spent Tuesday here in attending to business affairs.

Dr. C. R. Leech, a dentist of Laurel, was a business visitor in Billings yesterday.

H. V. Bailey of Miles City, a prominent stockman of the lower Yellowstone, is a business visitor in the city.

days as the guest of friends, has returned to Laurel.

General Agent G. L. Blaisdell of the Great Northern is spending the week at the head offices of the road in St. Paul, where he was recently called on official business.

Misses Lillian and Neva Kirby, who have been attending school in Lincoln, Neb., have returned to Billings and are spending the current week as the guest of relatives and friends.

L. L. Bishop of Superior, Neb., arrived in Billings this week and will spend some time as the guest of friends and in looking over the country with a view of making his home here next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Holiday have left the city for Ogden, Utah, where they will spend a month as the guests of friends. They will return to Billings by way of Denver, where they will visit for a week.

Mr. Manning, who is connected with the freight office of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad in Anaconda, has returned to his home after spending the Christmas season with the family of Dr. Clark.

SUCCESS OF SCHOOL HAS BEEN ASSURED

Initial Enrollment of Pupils for Courses in Y. M. C. A. School Encouraging.

According to L. A. Toothaker, who will have charge of the educational work of the Young Men's Christian Association, the initial enrollment in the night classes which the school will open next Monday is encouraging, and the success of the school is more than assured.

The classes in shorthand and book-keeping will be in charge of Professor Chapman of the Polytech, while William A. Kemp will open a twice a week class in commercial lettering and sign card writing. Later on classes in English and mathematics will be offered for the benefit of those whose elementary education has not been as liberal as it might have been, and if the demand is strong enough classes will be introduced in different lines of engineering and drafting.

All young men interested are urged to call upon Mr. Toothaker and make their wants known.

FLAMES DESTROY FURNITURE STORE

Business Block and Its Contents Are Destroyed by Fire in Hardin Monday Night.

From Thursday's Daily. Insurance agents in this city were advised yesterday that a fire in Hardin Monday night completely destroyed the furniture store of John Kelfer, one of the leading merchants of the new town on the Big Horn. It was not learned yesterday how the fire started, but it was reported that the contents of the store, valued at \$10,000, were destroyed.

PARALYZED IN SIDE. Still holding on to the hope that he will ultimately recover, P. A. Moseley, the young man who a little over a week ago shot himself in his room in El Nido hotel, is lying at St. Vincent's hospital in a very critical condition but with better chances for recovery than were at first hoped for by the physicians in charge.

The wound has been cleared, the bullet extracted and all chances of blood poisoning removed, but the wound has left the young man paralyzed in the left side, and whether or not this paralysis can be overcome is still in doubt.

LIENCES TO WED. (Special to The Gazette.) BOZEMAN, Dec. 28.—The office of Clerk of the Court Johnson was kept busy this morning issuing licenses to wed to a number of Gallatin county young people. Three couples in the space of about an hour applied for the necessary papers. The first was George S. Gibson and Saley B. Sloan of Belgrade, the second Roy E. Barnard and Nora Small of Manhattan, then came Frank H. Benjamin and Leona E. Bolden of Belgrade. All three couples will make their future homes in this county.

MARRIAGE LICENSE. From Wednesday's Daily. A license was issued by Clerk Jones of the district court yesterday for the marriage of Fred Miller and Miss Katherine Lockmann, both of Columbus.

FILES CLAIM AGAINST CITY

Billings May Be Made the Defendant in a Suit for Nearly Four Thousand Dollars.

DUE ON SEWER WORK

Constructor of Sixth Avenue Sewer Wants City to Pay Him for Pumping Water Out of His Trench—Work is Criticized.

From Thursday's Daily. The last has by no means been heard from the Sixth avenue sewer. Like Banquo's ghost, whose classic shade was referred to by Alderman Wood in a recent meeting of the council when speaking on a different subject, the Sixth avenue sewer has again come before the city administration, and this time may inspire a legal battle in which the city of Billings may be named as the defendant. The sewer has been the subject of more worry and trouble to the city than any one other thing, and now the contractor, Nicholas Hughes, is presenting the city with a large bill.

City Attorney J. H. Johnston was presented with a claim yesterday for \$3,897.60, which Mr. Hughes, through his attorney, W. M. Johnston, claims is still due him for the work completed several months ago. Mr. Hughes claims that he incurred an expense of \$3,057 in pumping water out of the trench while the sewer was being laid, that \$600, withheld by the council to insure the proper filling of the trench, has not been paid, and that the accumulated interest on these amounts brings the figures due him by the city up to nearly \$4,000.

The claim will be presented at the next meeting of the city council. The city officers state that Hughes has no just claim against the city for expense involved in keeping his trench clear of water, as there was no clause in the contract which could be so construed, and that instead of withholding \$600, all but \$500 of the money due Hughes has been paid and that this latter sum has more than been expended in repairing the sewer, which, according to the engineer and the members of the sewer committee, has been faultily constructed.

Since the completion of the sewer it has never given satisfaction, according to statements made in the open meetings of the council by the engineer and members of the sewer committee. Frequently it has been found to be hopelessly clogged; in parts of it, dug up for repairs, it was found that the pipe had not been properly laid. One manhole had to be rebuilt entirely by the city, and late Alderman John Stafek, who was head of the sewer committee, declared in the council meeting not long before his death, that he had found many of the manholes either had no cement bottom whatever or had been so poorly constructed that the bottom had fallen out. He stated that he had thrust a rod several feet into soft mud in the bottom of a few manholes, and that mud and gravel had partly filled the greater length of the pipe.

It is considered probable that should the Helena contractor take his suit into the courts he will be confronted with a counter suit for a far greater sum.

STAMP SALE WAS RECORD BREAKER

Prosperity of Country Shown by Unusual Number of Christmas Packages Sent From Here.

From Thursday's Daily. "The receipts of the postoffice during the past week have broken all previous records by from \$1,000 to \$1,500," declared Postmaster O. B. Prickeet yesterday. "The fact that this is the last of the quarter and we are busy with the box rents and reports has prevented us thus far from ascertaining the exact sales of stamps during the week before Christmas, but I can assure you that the business transacted was far in excess of any other Christmas period the Billings postoffice has experienced. The outgoing mail was probably larger than the incoming, but the rush is over now and conditions are getting back to normal."

The receipts of the express companies operating in Billings show a marked increase over any previous Christmas. Many small packages, which were sent by registered mail and which contained articles of value, were in evidence and the employees of the postoffice and the express companies state that in their opinions, gathered from the valuation given on packages, the people of Billings were far more liberal in their gifts to out-of-town relatives and friends this Christmas than ever before.

HOLD ELECTION NEXT MONDAY

Chamber of Commerce Will Choose Its Officers for Ensuing Year on January 3.

RULES OF ELECTION

All Active Members of Commercial Body, Numbering More Than 150, Will Have a Right to Vote—To Select Fifteen Trustees.

From Thursday's Daily. "The members of the Chamber of Commerce should not forget the coming annual election, which is to be held next Monday evening," said Secretary H. M. Brayton yesterday. "The list of nominations has been posted for some time," continued Mr. Brayton, "and it is the duty of each member of the association to look over the list and determine upon whom he will vote for in selecting the official heads of the Chamber of Commerce for the next year. We are going to do some big things in 1910, there will be a monster program of activity laid out as soon as the new officers are determined upon and a place on the board of trustees of the organization is not only an honor but it will entail considerable work."

"As yet I have failed to hear of a single member of the Chamber of Commerce who is not heartily in favor of reelecting the former president, vice president and treasurer; and the action of the nominating committee in naming these men to succeed themselves is highly spoken of on all sides. But the board of trustees consists of 15 members, and 30 nominations have been made, so there will probably be some lively balloting on these officers."

The election will be held next Monday evening, January 3, instead of the second Monday in the year as is customary. The change in the date of the election was made because much new work is contemplated, and the nominating committee could see no good reason for postponing the date when this work can be taken up, even a week later.

At 8 o'clock the members of the Chamber of Commerce will assemble in the city hall, and will cast their votes by ballot for the officers. Every member of the commercial body who is a resident of Billings and whose dues are paid will be entitled to a vote and, according to Secretary Brayton, more than 150 can qualify as electors. The ballot box will be closed as soon as the vote has been cast. The ballots will be counted and the results announced soon after the close.

For the four leading offices in the association the nominating committee recommended in its report that the incumbents be reelected, they being W. A. Selvidge, president; R. E. Shepherd, vice president; George F. Benninghoff, treasurer, and H. M. Brayton, secretary.

The following nominations have been made for the offices of trustees, to which 15 will be elected: P. E. Moss, H. W. Rowley, L. C. Babcock, W. George, Austin North, John Walker, J. Collins West, E. B. Camp, George Flemming, T. M. Kehoe, A. A. Crossman, T. J. Bouton, F. E. Keil, W. S. Garnsey, Jr., Henry White, A. L. Babcock, L. A. Green, Lee Mains, Charles Spear, J. R. Swearingen, F. B. Reynolds, R. C. Cardell, James R. Goss, I. D. O'Donnell, W. H. Donovan, F. J. Arkins, C. Yegen, John Roche, John Yates, W. M. Johnston.

PRETTY RANCH WEDDING.

Daughter of Theodore Fenske Weds Maurice C. Crandall.

From Thursday's Daily. At the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fenske, about four miles southwest of this city, was solemnized at 8 o'clock yesterday morning the marriage of Miss Maude Fenske to Maurice C. Crandall, Rev. D. G. Dunbar of the Baptist church officiating. The ceremony was attended by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties and was followed by a wedding breakfast, the young couple leaving on No. 1 yesterday for a trip through the western part of the state. The groom is well known in Billings, having occupied the position of foreman on the Conway ranch for several years. His bride is known as one of the most charming daughters of the Yellowstone valley. Those who wish Mr. and Mrs. Crandall a happy wedded life are numbered by the score.

ANOTHER EASTERN HOUSE TO LOCATE

Manufacturing Chemists of Chicago Choose Billings as Distributing Point for Northwest.

For the purpose of opening up a branch office of Foster, Burns & Co., a large manufacturing chemical concern of Chicago, C. Joseph Davies is in the city and expects to remain here as the local representative of the company. Foster, Burns & Co. have decided, like many other eastern houses, that Billings is the logical distributing point of the Northwest and have accordingly taken steps toward locating a branch here. The cards of the concern already bear the name of Billings as one of the six cities where the firm is maintaining branch houses. The company manufactures sheep dip, acids and other chemicals on a large scale and will handle the trade of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho from this city as well as run its salesmen into southern Canada. For the present the company will rent space in a local warehouse for its goods but contemplates later erecting a building of its own.

LAST BEET IS GROUND TO PULP

Long Blast of Factory Whistle Signals the Close of 1909 Campaign of Billings Plant.

ANOTHER WEEK'S WORK

Force Will Not Be Discharged Until Mill is Cleaned Up and the Molasses On Hand Is Refined—Immense Tonnage Handled.

From Thursday's Daily. Heralded by a long blast of the factory whistle, which was sounded at 7:18 yesterday evening, the last beet of the 1909 crop of the Yellowstone valley began its journey from the beets to the slicing machines of the Billings factory and was within a few minutes reduced to pulp, its sugar making juices find their way into the refining end of the plant. Shortly afterward the slicing machinery was stilled and the 1909 campaign, in as far as the reception of beets is concerned, was at end.

Under ordinary circumstances it takes 24 hours to complete the process of turning the sugar beet into a refined product, but this winter the factory will not shut down by 7 o'clock this evening, for a large quantity of molasses is on hand, which will be refined before the mill is closed, and the actual end of the campaign is still about a week distant. The mill will also be thoroughly cleaned before the men are discharged.

Although the campaign has been one of the shortest in the history of the local concern, it has also been one of the most successful. A larger tonnage of beets has been handled, and the daily output of the mill, built as a thousand-ton plant, has frequently been in excess of that figure.

The factory began grinding beets on Oct. 5 and, with the exception of a shutdown of the "beet end" a few days ago, due to the failure of the water works which supply the mill with water to wash and carry the beets, has been running constantly since that time.

The "sugar end" of the plant has been running "without" a hitch.

PYTHIANS ELECT SET OF OFFICERS

William V. Beers Chosen to Succeed Himself as Chancellor Commander of Billings Lodge.

At the last regular meeting of the Billings lodge of the Knights of Pythias officers for the coming year were elected, William V. Beers being chosen to succeed himself as chancellor commander. The following is a list of those who will serve in an official capacity during the coming year: William V. Beers, chancellor commander; Charles Wilhelm, vice chancellor; H. L. Kelly, prelate; E. S. Judd, master of work; R. J. Devorak, master of finance; Peter Fishback, master of the exchequer; Arthur Hopkins, keeper of the records and seals; L. E. Schad, master of arms; Oscar L. Davis, inner guard; Barney Schneider, outer guard; Claude Harman, L. E. Schad and G. Herman Smith were selected as members of the board of trustees for the coming term.

Lee Dennis of Great Falls was the guest of honor. Mr. Dennis was on the way from Great Falls from Glendive, where he had been attending to lodge business. As keeper of the records and seals of the Great Falls organization he complimented the Billings lodge on its prosperous condition.

WEDDING A SURPRISE.

From Thursday's Daily. A wedding, the news of which will come as more or less of a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties in this city, was solemnized yesterday evening at 7 o'clock in the Ten Eyck home on North Thirtieth street when Miss Olive Ten Eyck, daughter of William B. Ten Eyck, a well-known merchant and pioneer of this city, was united in marriage to W. H. Berry, Jr., of New York. Dr. H. Samuel Fritch of the Congregational church officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by the relatives of the bride only, and immediately following the couple left for Seattle and will spend their honeymoon on the Pacific coast. The bride, a charming girl of 20, is a daughter of Billings, having first seen the light of day in this city. Mr. Berry is already well known to the people of Billings, having lived here for two or three years prior to his removal to New York, where he is employed as a traveling salesman by a large manufacturing house.

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