

MONTANA TEACHERS HOLD INTERESTING CONVENTION

Bozeman Gives Hearty Welcome to the State's Educators--Strong Committees Chosen and Good Program Offered

(Special to The Gazette.)
BOZEMAN, Dec. 28.—The first session of the state convention of teachers was opened with a fair proportion of the expected attendance, though the late trains arrived only just in time for the evening program. President Condon of the association presided. Mrs. D. D. Smith of Bozeman gave a vocal solo, after which came the invocation by Rev. O. P. Bishop, Mayor A. G. Berthel welcomed the teachers and was followed by Miss Clara M. Kremer, county superintendent of Gallatin county.

Superintendent W. E. Harmon of the state department of education responded first for the visitors. He is only nominally a visitor for his home unofficially has always been in Bozeman. He began by congratulating the citizens of Bozeman on being in real merit about the best educational town in Montana. He commented especially on the progressive spirit of the schools, the high school and the college. He referred to the new departure in the program by which we were to hear from those outside of the profession, and on some new topics. The topics on industrial education he commended especially.

Mrs. Sara E. Morse, county superintendent of Yellowstone county, made the second response for the visitors. She expressed approval of the plan of a state gathering for the teachers, and explained its purpose at some length. Then she spoke in compliment of the city of Bozeman and its reputation as an educational center, praised its schools and the college, and referred to the reputation given to the town by the sweet-pea carnival.

Miss Helen Fisher of Bozeman then gave a vocal solo.

Superintendent Randall J. Congdon of Helena gave the annual president's address: "For the Sake of the Child; For the Sake of the State." The first part of the address dealt with the four-fold development of the child which is sought physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. The second part was an exhaustive study of the expense side of education in Montana. The cost of each student in each kind of school was figured out. One striking comparison was made when he said that the number of students in the higher institutions of the state was almost exactly the same as the number in the penitentiary and the insane asylum; and the latter cost the state more. At the close of his address President Condon announced his appointment of committees as follows:

Enrollment—R. J. Cunningham, Bozeman; W. A. Jennings, Livingston; Robert Clark, Dillon.

Resolutions—R. E. Foote, Dillon; W. K. Dwyer, Anaconda; County Superintendent Orpha Noble, Lewistown; M. J. Elrod, Missoula; C. W. Tenney, Helena.

Finance—J. M. Hamilton, Bozeman; J. W. Thomas, Missoula; J. W. Curtis, Helena.

President's Address—R. G. Young, Butte; W. C. Ryan, Big Timber; G. T. Bramble, Phillipsburg.

Among the most important committees of the association is that on resolutions. This committee formulates all new plans for the association, outlines policy and prepares requests for legislation in regard to the schools. This committee is appointed in advance and prepares its report

ports with much care. Prof. L. R. Foote of Dillon, the chairman of this committee, was among the early arrivals this afternoon and gave an interesting account of some of the matters that will come before the committee for action before they report. Among them is a proposition to change the form of teachers' institutes, extending the time to at least one week, providing for systematic instruction in place of lectures, and for joining two or more counties as convenient. Another resolution will call for the abolition of preparatory departments in state institutions. As a method of increasing the membership of the association it will be proposed that each one who enrolls shall be provided with a subscription to some educational periodical, and also with a printed account of the proceedings of the state association. A change of date in the annual meeting is suggested. One resolution calls for uniform texts in the high schools. Another calls for more complete regulation of the eighth grade examinations. A resolution will be proposed complimentary to the work of denominational schools in the state, other resolutions will favor the teaching of agriculture in the high schools; oppose the teaching of the Bible in the public schools; define moral standards of teachers, and call for the establishment of a rural schools department in the state association.

Mr. Richard T. Webe of New York city, who is to tell stories, as a professional story teller, to the teachers, and then explain the significance of story telling in education, is promised to be a great treat to the teachers. He comes recommended by such authorities as President G. Stanley Hall of Clark university, Prof. Henry VanDyke, Joel Chandler Harris and many eminent school men. His repertoire includes the stories of Ulysses, Beowulf, Siegfried, Hiawatha, King Arthur and stories from the Bible, and as he is down to appear three times on the program the teachers will have opportunity to hear him in a variety of forms.

How history is being made in Montana is illustrated in the enrollment at the association from Roundup. A year ago last September school was opened in Roundup with one teacher and 15 pupils. Last night Principal Fred M. Dralle of the Roundup schools, with his five teachers, registered in attendance on the association, evidence of a complete school system built in a year.

In the official program as issued the names of the speakers of the department of higher education were not included for Thursday afternoon. Prof. Robert Clark, president of the department, states that the paper on what the high school can do in preparing its pupils for home life will be given by Mrs. E. A. Richardson of Forsyth who is not actively engaged in school work but who is well known in eastern Montana for her ability as a public speaker, and her interest in educational matters. This paper will be discussed by Prof. G. T. Bramble of Phillipsburg and Prof. John M. Kay of Townsend. The discussion about "The Greatest Needs of High School Students in Montana" will be led by President C. A. Dunaway of the state university and Principal L. R. Foote of the Beaverhead county high school. A uniform course of study for accredited high schools will be one of the subjects taken up.

ation for the enumeration beginning April 15. Application forms, with full instructions for filling in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All applications, properly filled in must be filed with the supervisors not later than Jan. 25, as any received after that date cannot be considered.

GRAND LARCENY ALLEGED.

From Wednesday's Daily.
J. B. Britz is charged with grand larceny in an information filed in the district court yesterday by County Attorney Wilson. It is alleged that on November 23 he took from W. G. Downey property valued as follows: A trunk, \$20; a coat, \$15; an overcoat, \$15; a sheepskin overcoat, \$9; a striped vest, \$10; a brown and green rain robe, \$12; brown slippers, \$15; three pairs of men's shoes, \$10; five coat shirts, \$10; one Eagle uniform of blue and cap, \$15; several suits of heavy underwear, several suits of light underwear, a derby hat and other articles of apparel.

William Roemer is charged in an information with having committed an assault in the second degree on James Scahill, December 2.

WILL HAVE NEW OFFICE.

As the result of the vacation of the store building in the Belknap block, formerly occupied by the People's bank, the Billings & Eastern Montana Power company is preparing to occupy the room and hopes to be in its new quarters soon. The water company, which has heretofore had its office in connection with the light company, will retain the old quarters adjoining.

PROJECTING FROM WATER INSISTS HE IS PRESIDENT

Now Thought Collision Occured at Mouth Of the Harbor

DAMAGE IS GREAT

Total of Wrecks Greatly Enlarged and Feared That Loss of Life Has Been Immense—Tidal Wave Does Much Damage at Chelsea—Newport Is Now Isolated.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The discovery today of the wreck of the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer, which sank with 12 men Sunday morning at the entrance to Broad sound, was followed by the report of another wreck in the outer harbor. This second victim of the great storm that swept New England Saturday night and Sunday was reported by Captain Kemp of the tug Aerial, who asserts that he saw three masts of a schooner projecting above the water near the shoals known as "The Goaves."

Although Captain Kemp locates the vessel three miles east of the wreck of the Palmer, some marine authorities think that he may have been mistaken in his bearings and that he saw the Palmer's masts.

Seafaring men who believe the captain is not mistaken about his bearings, suggest the possibility of a collision between the Palmer and an unknown schooner.

Yesterday's toll of wreck was increased today. The schooner Ada K. Damon, sole support of her aged master, Captain A. K. Brewster of York, Maine, went ashore near Ipswich. She will probably be a total loss. Her crew reached shore safely.

In Chelsea, where a tidal wave broke the dike and flooded the houses of 200 people, a high tide today opened the new breaks. Many cellars that had been pumped out by the fire engines were again flooded. It will be weeks before people in the 80 acres of tide lands will be able to return to their homes.

Newport Isolated.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 28.—(By messenger.)—Newport has now been three days without wire communication with the outside world as a result of the Christmas night storm. It is estimated by the telephone officials that the damage to their system will reach \$100,000. Today, as yesterday, the brokers' offices were without market quotations.

Capna Is Missing.

HAPSBURG, Dec. 28.—The German freight steamer Capna, with a crew of 23 men, has been given up for lost. She sailed from this port Dec. 1 for Genoa, and was last sighted two days later.

SACRIFICING THE LAMB IN WYOMING

Lack of Food and Cold Weather Induces Masters to Offer Flocks at a Dollar a Head.

BUFFALO, Wyo., Dec. 28.—Range and weather conditions in this section are so bad that flockmasters are offering their sheep for sale at \$1 per head.

These sheep could not have been purchased six weeks ago or before the severe cold and snow set in, for less than \$6 per head.

YOUTH HANGS HIMSELF.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.—Sent to the cellar because he refused to get his mother a pair of water, Herman Miller, aged 14, son of John Miller, hanged himself today.

BRILLIANT FUNCTION FOR WAR SECRETARY

Secretary of War Dickinson Greeted in Porto Rico by Delegation From Every Town.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 28.—Governor Colton's reception last night in honor of the American secretary of war, J. M. Dickinson, and Brigadier General Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, was unsurpassed even by that given to President Roosevelt in 1906. Delegations from all towns in the island and from all branches of society were present.

TRAFFIC IS STOPPED.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 28.—The heavy snow which has fallen during the last 12 hours, accompanied by high winds, has stopped all railroad traffic in this part of the state. No ore trains can get through and the lines have suspended until the tracks are cleared.

DENIES THAT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS RESTRAINING HIM OF HIS LIBERTY.

Favors the Unity of All Central American Republics Through Intervention of Mexico and United States.

CORDOBA, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared tonight that he is still president of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office. Madriz, he asserted, is only a provisional president, and he (Zelaya) has not relinquished the office.

Zelaya today denied that he was a prisoner in the hands of the Mexican government and that a consolidation of all the Central American republics might be brought about. He said he believed Secretary Knox was now realizing the injustice of his attitude toward him and declared he could not understand why the secretary should have molested him.

It was Zelaya's opinion that the war would end within two months, but he would not venture an opinion as to which side would be successful.

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YOUNG PEOPLE TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Y. W. C. A. Will Join With Young Men's Association in Entertaining on New Year's Day.

From Wednesday's Daily.
In accordance with a custom which is prevalent in all large cities but which has never been started here, the Young Women's Christian association will unite with the Young Men's Christian association in holding a reception in the Y. M. C. A. building on New Year's day from 2 to 10 p. m. Details of the reception are in the course of preparation and an invitation to the public will be extended soon.

The "open house" promises to be more than a formal affair, for the entire membership of both organizations will be enlisted in the work of entertainment. Each of the young people's societies of the various churches will be given a room in the association building to decorate, refreshments will be served and there will be two programs of merit in addition to music throughout the hours of the reception. Members of the boards of directors of the two institutions will form the reception line, and it is the desire of the associations to make the reception as much of a public and civic event as possible. To this intent an invitation will be extended every man and woman in Billings to attend the reception and to take this opportunity of inspecting the association building and the work carried on there.

Crew of Schooner Almost Specters

Commissary Carried Away by Typhoon They Cross Pacific On Throat Rations.

HOQUIAN, Wash., Dec. 28.—Her crew reduced to almost specters from slow starvation and with the captain believed to be dying, the schooner Mamie A. Caine was towed into Grays Harbor with only a few pounds of moldyhardtack standing between the men and death.

The steamer sailed from Hypong China, Sept. 29, and was still off the China coast when a typhoon almost wrecked the vessel and carried away most of the food supplies.

For almost 18 days the captain and crew were on such short rations that had adverse winds been encountered off this coast, all admit they must have perished.

Captain Olsen was too near death from heart disease superinduced by lack of food, physicians say, to permit him to be removed to a hospital.

CONGRESSMAN'S SON SUICIDES. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Jerome M. Coudrey, 18 years old, son of Congressman Harry M. Coudrey, shot and killed himself last night at his apartment at the Buckingham club. Congressman Coudrey is enroute from Washington in a special train. No cause for the suicide is known.

COLLEGE FOUNDER DEAD. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 29.—Arthur Gilman, governor of Cambridge university, Massachusetts, died yesterday. He was 72 years old. He was the founder of Radcliffe college. He wrote numerous historical works.

SAYS ALFALFA IS GOOD CROP

Present High Prices for Hay Emphasizes One Value of Alfalfa to Yellowstone Farmer.

EXCELLENT FERTILIZER

A. F. Marsh of Producers Association Encourages Keeping of Current Quotations by Distributing Files to Commercial Clubs.

From Wednesday's Daily.
"Alfalfa hay in the stack is worth \$10 a ton today, and there isn't any of it to be had," declared A. F. Marsh of the Yellowstone Valley Producers association yesterday when questioned concerning the reported shortage of feed in this section of the state. "I mean that good alfalfa is worth \$10," continued Mr. Marsh. "Of course, there are as many different grades of hay as there are of anything else, but good alfalfa is proving to be a very paying crop this season, owing largely to the early winter and the unexpected early demand for feed from the stockmen. But even at \$5 a ton I hold that alfalfa is one of the best crops a farmer can raise, for it has a double value."

"There is but little doubt but that for the coming few years alfalfa hay will be at top notch figures. But its second, and in some cases its chief value lies in its qualities as a fertilizer, and there isn't a fertilizer in existence that is so well adapted to Yellowstone valley climate as alfalfa. It grows well here, and it always leaves the land in better shape for a more valuable crop. Intensified agriculture, which has already taken a firm hold on lands of the Yellowstone valley, necessitates the cultivation of fertilizing crops, and alfalfa can be recommended as the best obtainable."

This week's edition of the bulletin of the association was printed yesterday, and as usual contains the latest reports on current prices on produce. A feature of the bulletin is an article contending for the local advertising of Montana products. The sale of the Slack celery at prices which netted its grower \$800 an acre is cited as an example that the Yellowstone valley is not behind Kalamazoo; in this regard, and urges that the hotels of the city whenever possible will in their menus mention the fact that the potatoes, celery and other produce served on their tables are grown locally and are credited to the Yellowstone valley.

Mr. Marsh says that locally the association is receiving much advertising and that its plans for the advancement of local produce are meeting with flattering success. But on account of the strike the association has been unable to ship as many carloads of Yellowstone grown potatoes as was at first hoped, and for this reason the development of the eastern fancy market has not progressed very rapidly.

In order to encourage the preserving of the weekly bulletin containing the crop reports, Mr. Marsh has sent to each commercial club on the mailing list a very handy file where the bulletins can be kept for reference and which will enable any commercial organization to tell at a glance the prices which have been current for the year on any line of produce.

HAWAIIAN GOVERNOR MUST PAY A FINE

Will Be Docked in Expense Account for Using Foreign Vessel Between American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—When Governor Freat of Hawaii, who has been in Washington on government business, turns in his expense account, he will confront the United States auditor with a problem. He sailed today for Honolulu on the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru and, under the coastwise navigation act, was forced to pay a federal fine of \$400 for his wife and daughter imposed on passengers traveling between two American ports in a foreign bottom.

ADVANCE IN COAL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Despite a slight loosening of the freight congestion in the railway terminals in and about Chicago, coal took an upward tilt of 25 to 40 cents a ton yesterday, according to the schedules of some dealers.

Carrie Appeals Her Case in Washington

Mrs. Nation Will Not Pay \$100 for Smashing Bar Until Court of Appeals Acts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has appealed the case in which she was fined \$100 for smashing the bar at the Union station in this city some weeks ago from the police court to the district court of appeals. Her attorney has raised several constitutional questions, the principal one being that the prosecution should have been made in the name of the United States instead of the District of Columbia.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED.

PHATT, Kan., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Henry Blanton left her home this morning and went across the alley to talk to a neighbor. When she next looked at the house it was in flames and her three children were burned to death.

COUNCIL REVOKES CLANCY LICENSE

At Special Session Held Last Evening Order Closing Saloon Is Passed.

POLICEMEN TESTIFY

Officers Bakke and Terrill Tell of Opposition of James Clancy to Arrest of Man in His Place—Clancy Given Opportunity.

From Wednesday's Daily.
At an adjourned meeting of the city council held last evening an order revoking the license of the Silver Dollar saloon, 2710 Minnesota avenues, was passed, it being declared after meeting by one of the city officials that the saloon will be closed today. The order is the outcome of the arrest of James Clancy, one of the proprietors of the place, about a month ago on a charge of resisting an officer, in that he attempted to hinder Officer Terrill in arresting a man wanted on a charge of attempted larceny.

James Clancy, who pleaded guilty to the charge of resisting the officer and who was fined \$50 in police court, was given an opportunity to present his side of the case before the council. He made a short statement, in which he declared that at the time he was slightly under the influence of liquor; that heretofore he has always run his place in an orderly fashion, and that he was willing to sell out and leave the city if the council would give him an opportunity to do so. He did not deny any of the charges against him, but insisted that the council was making a scapegoat of him and that he was being singled out among many who were equally as guilty as he.

Officer Bakke was called and testified that on the night of Nov. 27 he went to the Silver Dollar saloon in company with a shepherd, who came to the station and declared that two men had attempted to rob him while he was crossing the tracks at Twenty-seventh street, and that he had broken away from them and had seen them go into the Clancy saloon. He stated that when he attempted to arrest the man pointed out by the shepherd as one who had attempted to hold him up that Clancy came from behind the bar and, grasping the man by the arm, declared:

"You can't arrest any man in my saloon."

Following which Bakke declared Clancy under arrest, and upon the station, telephoned for an extra policeman. Officer Terrill answering the summons, Bakke stated that while he was waiting for Terrill's arrival Clancy told the man under arrest to make his getaway through the back door. Terrill confirmed Officer Bakke's statements relative to what happened after his arrival.

When questioned as to whether or not Clancy had run his place of business in a proper manner, the officers declared that two arrests had been reported, but that in neither case had any arrests been made.

City Attorney Johnston stated that Clancy's statement that he was slightly drunk at the time was his weakest point, and that any saloon man who was drunk while on duty was not running his place of business as it should be run. He stated that the city had good cause to revoke the license, and the order closing the saloon was accordingly passed.

WANT NEGATIVE CUTTER.

According to a notice posted by the civil service commission our Uncle Samuel is in need of a negative cutter, to be employed in the engraving and printing division of the geological survey, and toward that end an examination will be held in this city on January 22, from which an eligible to fill the position will be chosen.

Russell Sage's Widow May Withdraw Offer

Her Presentation of Half a Million to Bible Society Depends On Litter's Financial Showing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The American Bible society may lose \$500,000 unless it can raise \$125,000 between now and next Friday. It is that much short of the \$500,000 subscription which it has been endeavoring to raise in order to take advantage of a \$500,000 endowment gift offered by Mrs. Russell Sage.

Philippines Want Larger Homesteads

Island Delegates to Congress Will Ask for Many Needed Reforms for Their People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The two Philippine delegates to congress, Benito Legardo and Manuel Quezon, have arrived in Washington for the congressional session and bring with them requests from the people of the islands for a number of reforms.

WILL OPEN STORE.

John Murphy, a former resident of Silesia, is preparing to engage in the grocery business in this city soon after January 1. Mr. Murphy has leased a store room in the new Hirsch building on South Thirty-first street and opposite South park.

BUNK CAR IS BURNED.

From Thursday's Daily.
A fire which for a time threatened the ice houses and other frame buildings in the vicinity of the Northern Pacific roundhouse broke out last evening shortly after 6 o'clock in a bunk car which was standing on a siding in the local freight yards. The fire was caused by an overheated stove and was not extinguished until after the entire car was in ruins.

FOUR DAMS OF SOLID MASONRY

Irrigation Scheme Contemplated Will Require the Erection of Large Structures.

HEAD OF MUSSELHELL

Billings Firm Makes Preliminary Surveys and Will Report on Feasibility of New Project—To Irrigate About 40,000 Acres.

If the plans of a group of Minneapolis capitalists who are interested in the development of lands along the new line of the Milwaukee, northwest of this city, are carried through to a successful completion, construction will begin next summer on four large dam breasts in the canons of the small streams which flow from the southern side of the Little Belt mountains and which form the headwaters of the Musselshell river, and the ultimate irrigation of from 30,000 to 40,000 acres of fine land in the eastern part of Meagher county and west of the Billings & Northern railroad. The preliminary surveys for the work have been made by L. M. Hatch, of the engineering firm of Lillis & Hatch of this city. Mr. Hatch recently returned from the scene of the proposed reservoirs, where he has spent seven weeks in field work, and is preparing maps and estimates which will soon be submitted to the Minneapolis people for their approval. Mr. Hatch expressed the opinion yesterday that the scheme is feasible and that work on the dams and ditches will probably begin soon.

The irrigation scheme is one of the most complicated from an engineering standpoint that has been attempted in Montana. The land lies north of the town of Two Dot on the Milwaukee line, and northwest of Hilltown, one of the coming cities of central Montana. The plan of conserving the flood waters of the Musselshell and turning them over the dry lands has been considered for some time, but it was not until last fall that eastern men who have the financial backing to put the project through investigated its good points and decided to have the preliminary surveys made, calling on the Billings firm for the work. If Mr. Hatch's reports are approved the syndicate will form a stock company and begin construction, which will occupy the greater part of next summer.

The plans for irrigation call for the construction of four large stone dam breasts, varying in height from 150 to 250 feet, which will dam the waters of the Musselshell for a considerable distance and create the first large reservoir for the storage of irrigation water in eastern Montana. The valley of the Musselshell, unlike that of the Yellowstone, can not lay claim to an unlimited water supply, for the stream does not have as large a watershed as the Yellowstone. But it is claimed that by the construction of the breasts an ample volume of water for irrigation can be obtained and that the cost of the work per acre of irrigable land will not be greatly in excess of the cost of irrigation work along the Yellowstone.

The building of the system will mean the settlement and cultivation of a large area of very rich land which is now but sparsely settled by dry land farmers, and the development of a district which, although a considerable distance from this city, in a way is Billings territory and which will be largely supplied by the wholesale houses of this city.

FINED FOR GIVING LIQUOR TO A MINOR

E. E. Murphy Is First to Be Arrested and Convicted of Violating New Ordinance.

E. E. Murphy, proprietor of a small store in a tent at the corner of Twenty-ninth street and Montana avenue, was yesterday afternoon arraigned before Judge Mann on a charge of giving liquor to a minor. Murphy was arrested on a similar complaint Friday of last week, but the formal charge was not made until yesterday morning. He entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$50, which he paid. The offense was in violation of the recently enacted city ordinance which makes it a crime for a minor to frequent a saloon, for the proprietor or bartender of a saloon to allow a minor in the saloon and for anyone to sell or give intoxicating liquors to a minor.

It is said that other arrests will be made in the near future.

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They will ask that homesteads in the Philippines on which a single individual may file be enlarged from 10 acres to 125 acres.

This refers to lands in the "public domain," and has no connection with the friar lands.

Advertiser that property just to show that you are in earnest about selling it. Gazette and get results.