

ANOTHER DELAY OF TWO WEEKS

Failure of Heating Apparatus to Arrive Will Retard Completion of the Polytechnic Buildings.

THIRTY NEW STUDENTS

Many Have Written to School for Rooms During Second Term and Enrollment Will Be Second Largest in State.

With an enrollment exceeded only by the state agricultural college at Bozeman, the Billings Polytechnic institute will open its second term on next Monday, January 3, in its old quarters in the Odd Fellows building.

The delay in the completion of the new buildings can not be charged to local causes, but is due entirely to the switchmen's strike, which has tied up a shipment of apparatus for the heating plant, the very heart of the buildings during this cold weather.

According to Director Eaton an even 30 new pupils will register the first of next week. Some of these are in the city, others have written and reserved rooms, and all the former out-of-town pupils have expressed their determination to return and finish the year's work.

TO VOTE ON BONDS EARLY IN JANUARY

Laurel Citizens Will Float Issue for Building of Sewers and Water Works.

Because of numerous delays and the fact that many of the citizens of the new railroad town will not become qualified voters before the first of the year, the special election, scheduled to take place in Laurel last month, was postponed and will be held some time early next month.

HANSEN-SCHIEBLE.

Julius P. Hansen and Miss Katherine Schieble were united in marriage yesterday afternoon by Justice Smith in his offices in the Babcock block.

PAID THE FINE.

Gladys Norton, the young woman charged with securing two suits at the Hayhurst store under questionable circumstances several months ago, has paid the fine imposed in a justice court.

STORM EFFECTS NOW APPARENT

Sheepmen Admit That Cold Weather Has Injured Sheep to Some Extent in This Locality.

NEXT SPRING'S PRICES

Commission Man Declares That All Quotations on Wollbacks Are Up in the Air and Makes Estimate of Probable April Prices.

After weeks of anxiety for the safety of their flocks, the sheepmen of this county and nearby on the south and east are beginning to acknowledge that the cold snap has worked some injury to the sheep interests.

"There is no use denying that the cold of the past few weeks has worked a great hardship on the flocks which were far from shorn and fed. A few of the weaker sheep have fallen by the way, and some sheep, even if the weather does moderate, as I believe it is going to do, will die unless they are placed in the 'hospital'."

"I am trying to find out if there is any truth in the rumors that Wyoming sheepmen have suffered much through the storm. Toward that end I am sending out a great many letters where bands of any size are being offered at \$1 a head, as was reported a few days ago."

TO SEND BODY EAST.

Remains of Mrs. A. C. Spencer To Be Buried at Old Home.

The body of Mrs. A. C. Spencer, wife of County Auditor Spencer of Red Lodge, who died in Red Lodge Tuesday evening, reached Billings last night and will leave this city on No. 4 tonight for the former home of the deceased in the East.

SAYS CONVENTION BEST EVER HELD

I. D. O'Donnell Gives Flattering Description of Assembly of State Teachers at Bozeman.

I. D. O'Donnell, a member of the Billings school board who has been attending the sessions of the Montana Teachers' institute at Bozeman and who delivered an address before the convention yesterday with a glowing description of the success of the convention and the manner in which the city of Bozeman entertained the teachers and instructors of the state.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Licenses were issued by Clerk Jones of the district court yesterday for the marriage of the following couples: Charles E. Mitchell of Broadview and Miss Edith Richmond of Camden, N. J.; Henry Ostwald and Miss Lizzie Krum, both of Laurel; Julius R. Hansen of Clarksburg, Wyo., and Miss Catherine Schieble of Lemmon, S. D.; G. L. Wales and Miss Helen M. Bradford, both of Livingston.

BILLINGS GETS THE CONVENTION

Next Session of State Teachers' Association Will Meet in This City in December, 1910.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Dr. Swain of State Normal Named as President While Mrs. Morse of This City Will Be Secretary—Prof. Nye on Executive Board.

Triumphant over having secured the 25th session of the Montana Teachers' association for this city and declaring that the meetings which have just closed in Bozeman have been of inestimable value to the workers in the public schools, the Billings delegation to the Bozeman meetings returned to this city last night and have pledged their undivided attention from this time until the calling of next year's convention toward making the meetings in Billings even more of a success than those which have just closed.

"We shall expect every citizen of Billings to aid us in making the entertainment of the state teachers next December fully in keeping with Billings' standing reputation for hospitality. This is the first time that the association has agreed to meet as far east as Billings, and in getting the convention of 1910 the delegation from this city had the undivided support of every member present who lives in the eastern part of the state and in the Yellowstone valley.

In the session which yesterday brought the Bozeman meetings to a close officers for the coming year were elected, two Billings educators receiving honors in the line. The newly elected officers are: Dr. Swain of the state normal, Dillon, president; B. E. Coan, Chouteau, first vice president; W. C. Ryan, Big Timber, second vice president; W. Davis, Deer Lodge, third vice president; Dr. Clark, Dillon, treasurer; Mrs. Sara E. Morse, Billings, secretary. Prof. Ward H. Nye of the Billings schools was elected as a member of the executive board to serve for a term of three years.

WILL STRIKE HOUR FROM WASHINGTON

Bell Telephone Company to Co-Operate With Government in Sound-Ing Death of 1909.

There will be no guessing about the exact minute that the year 1909 ceases to be and the year 1910 begins this evening, for the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company, acting in co-operation with the government, has taken upon itself the task of informing every citizen in Billings and every city in the land where its wires are strung just when the old year passes out and the new year comes in.

DAY WAS SPENT IN ANXIOUS WAITING

Broadview Contractor Has Poor Opinion of Train Service Which Delays Bride's Arrival.

Yesterday was by no means a happy 24 hours for one Charles E. Mitchell of Broadview, who spent the day in meeting trains and saying mean things about the railway service and the cold weather which prevented his bride-to-be from arriving in Billings on schedule time.

ALVIN GODWIN DIES.

Success to Attack of Pneumonia After Illness of a Week. Alvin Godwin, aged 60 years and a resident of this vicinity for the past four years, died yesterday morning at a local institution after an illness of but a week, death being due to an attack of pneumonia.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Josephine Stiekney began proceedings against Fred E. Stiekney in the district court yesterday to obtain a divorce. They were married in St. Paul nearly six years ago. It is charged that the defendant has failed to support her, although able to earn \$100 a month.

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FEATURES OF NEW YEAR RECEPTION

Best Musical Talent in City Will Be On Program at Y. M. C. A. Tomorrow.

ASSOCIATIONS UNITE

Organizations of Young Ladies and Young Men Will Jointly Be Hosts and Hostesses to the People of Billings—All Invited.

With all its halls gaily decorated especially for the occasion the Y. M. C. A. building will tomorrow be thrown open to the public in the New Year reception which will be given jointly by the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian associations of this city.

The hours of the reception are from 2 to 10 and an invitation is extended to every man, woman and child to attend and to inspect the association building. For the occasion some of the best musical talent of the city has been obtained; Smith's orchestra has been engaged, Prof. Clarence Pease, W. E. Calhoun and C. M. Talcott will render vocal solos.

Two basketball games have been scheduled to demonstrate the physical work of the association, the first being in the afternoon and between the junior teams of Laurel high school and the Billings Y. M. C. A., and the second being in the evening and between two teams of the local association.

TAKES A BIG CONTRACT.

Former Billings Man Has Million-Dollar Job for New York.

The news has reached this city that Jules Breuchaud, a former citizen of Billings, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the head-works of the water system which will carry the water of the Catskills into the city of New York and will insure the metropolis of the country a constant supply of pure water.

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MATCH GOES TWO HOURS TO A DRAW

Teddy Ferrell, Improved by a Month of Training, Shows Remarkable Improvement.

BUSCH'S DISADVANTAGE

Three Times Local Wrestler Had German Down, but Could Not Complete the Fall—Refuses to Finish With Strangle Hold.

After two hours of as good wrestling as has been seen in the state the match last night between Teddy Ferrell, the local champion, and Carl Busch, middleweight champion of Germany, was declared a draw.

But the draw was by no means a discredit to Busch. The German was in the game from start to finish, but the greater height and weight and the training which Ferrell has received from Professor Button were against him and never did he succeed in getting the local man off the mat, as was the case in their first meeting on Thanksgiving day.

Ferrell had trained down to 138 for the match and was in much better condition than on the date of the first match. Busch will leave the city today for Sheridan to wrestle Stanley this evening. He will continue to make his headquarters in this city. A subdivided match to dispose of the absent honors of last night will be arranged.

MAVERICKS TO DANCE THE OLD YEAR OUT

Twenty-first Annual Ball of Volunteer Hose Company Will Be Held Tonight.

For the twenty-first time in the history of the Maverick Hose company the members of that organization will spend this evening watching the old year out and the new year in, the watch meeting to be held in the Coliseum and dancing to be the principal diversion of the hours immediately preceding and following the death of the old and the birth of the new year.

The dance, incidentally the last that will be held in the Coliseum for some time, for the building is soon to be turned into a skating rink, promises to be largely attended. Smith's orchestra has been secured for the occasion and everyone in the city, whether identified with the organization which in the days of old saved Billings from many a disastrous fire, or not, is invited to join with the hose company in dancing the old year out and the new year in.

FORTUNE IN MONTANA AWAITS A PRISONER

Ciceni, Detained at Ellis Island, Claims to Have Property Worth Thousands at Ruby.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Jose Ciceni, a would-be Hungarian emigrant, is a most unfortunate person. He cannot get a bond, he says, until he goes to Ruby, Mont., and claims the fortune that his brother has left him there. Ciceni has a truck ticket to Ruby, where, he says, his son, Jacob, is living. His brother Henry died there a month ago, leaving him a fortune which he estimates at several hundred thousand dollars.

ON A SAD MISSION.

From Wednesday's Daily. W. J. Hawkins, general agent of the Northern Pacific in Laurel and formerly chief clerk of the freight office in this city, was in Billings yesterday, en route to Shawnee, Okla., where he was called to attend to the removal of the body of an uncle to his former home in Red Oak, Iowa. The uncle was killed in a boiler explosion a few days ago, the sad news reaching Mr. Hawkins yesterday.

ANOTHER ASYLUM EXPOSED.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 30.—Ill treatment of patients, lack of heating facilities, unsanitary food, untrained nurses and attendants, and negligence on the part of the superintendent are charged in a special report to Governor Haskell on conditions in the state insane asylum at Fort Supply, made today by Miss Kate Barnard, state commissioner of charities and corrections.

TO MAKE REPORT ON ALL PAVING

In Compliance With Request of Council City Engineer Corn Will Submit Estimates Soon.

ALL CLASSES TESTED

Office of Engineer Is Filled With Samples of Brick, Wood Blocks and Other Paving Materials Sent in Anticipation of Improvements.

In accordance with a recent request of the city council that he prepare an exhaustive report of the various kinds of paving material which will be suitable for annihilating the mud and slime of the main streets of the city, City Engineer W. S. Corn has been engaged during the recent cold and stormy days in preparing estimates of the cost of paving with various materials and will at an early meeting of the council, probably on January 4, present to that body his opinions and figures on the work.

Ever since the paving movement was started last fall the city offices have been the recipients of numerous samples of different kinds of material, sent by firms who are after the contract for supplying the wood, brick or stone, as may be selected. Mr. Corn has samples of almost every kind of paving material in general use, and the public is always welcome to inspect these samples, which are kept at the city hall.

The Carbolinum Wood Preserving company of Portland, Ore., yesterday submitted a wood block, treated by a slightly different process than is usually used in creosote block work, and which has been in use on Fourth avenue in Portland for the last nine years. Except for dirt stains the block is said to be in almost the same condition as when it was placed in the Portland street, the exposed edge being worn but slightly.

From the standpoint of cost brick pavement will have the advantage over other materials if it can be produced in Billings. If the material has to be shipped in it is claimed that wood will cost no more than brick. Local clays, submitted to the vitrifying process, have been transformed into as hard a brick as that used in eastern cities, and the brick will have staunch advocates when materials are up for selection.

I. D. O'Donnell had this to say of materials at a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. "I am heartily in favor of boosting the home product whenever it is possible, and toward that end I would like to see Billings made brick given preference in the paving of the streets of the city. It is a simple matter to fully determine whether or not local shale will make a suitable paving material. I have been told that private tests have shown that we have an abundance of good paving shale in Yellowstone county. And toward that end I would advocate that, before any steps are taken in the selection of a paving material, the city have an official test of Billings material made to fully determine whether or not paving brick can be obtained here before any other material is considered."

ZERO IN PENNSYLVANIA.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.—With the thermometer registered zero and in some places from 3 to 7 degrees below zero, western Pennsylvania tonight is in the grip of a bitterly cold blizzard, accompanied by snow flurries and high winds.

CORPSE IS LOST ON MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY

Jointed Out of Box It Is Found Five Miles Back by Sheriff's Officer.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 30.—Sheriff Bennett and a posse left Rocky Spur Tuesday night with the body of John McClintock, who had been killed by a sheep herder. When they were ready to remove the corpse from the wagon at Nampa yesterday morning, they were more than astonished to find it missing. Mutual assurances were exchanged that the body was in a pine box in the vehicle when the journey was begun. The box was still on hand but it was empty.

The driver started back over the rough mountain road and at a point five miles from Nampa discovered the mortal remains of McClintock where they had been jointed from the wagon. An inquest will be held today. The shooting was done by Lyle Roe in a dispute over range. Roe claims self defense.

MARKET SHOWS BULL SENTIMENT

Brought About by Further Reductions in Estimates of Argentina's Crop.

TRADING WAS LIGHT

Transactions in December Decreased, but Prices Well Maintained—May Was Strong and Closes at Almost the High Point—Corn Firm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Further reductions in the estimates of the amount of wheat in Argentina which will be available for export from the new crop caused considerable bullish sentiment in the market here today. Trading in the December delivery was light and the price of that option ranged between \$1.17 1/2 and \$1.19. May sold between \$1.11 1/2 and \$1.12 1/2. The close was strong at about the high point, final quotations on May being \$1.12 1/2; December closing at \$1.18 1/2.

An improved shipping demand from the East contributed to the late firmness in the corn market. The close was firm, with prices 1/4 to 3/8 c higher. Trading in oats was dull. The close was firm at almost the top with prices 1/4 to 1/2 c higher.

Provisions closed fairly steady with prices a shade lower to 7/8 c higher.

Live Stock Quotations

Chicago Livestock. CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated at 9,000. Market 10 @ 15c lower. Heaves, \$4.10 @ 7.90; Texas steers, \$4.00 @ 8.50; western steers, \$4.00 @ 6.10; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 @ 5.20; cows and heifers, \$2.00 @ 5.20; calves, \$7.20 @ 9.50.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated at 18,000. Market steady. Light, \$8.10 @ 8.55; mixed, \$8.25 @ 8.70; heavy, \$8.30 @ 8.70; rough, \$8.25 @ 8.50; good to choice heavy, \$8.50 @ 8.70; pigs, \$7.25 @ 8.15; bulk of sales, \$8.50 @ 8.55. Sheep—Receipts, estimated at 15,000. Market steady. Native, \$3.50 @ 5.70; western, \$3.60 @ 5.70; yearlings, 6.50 @ 7.50; lambs, native, \$5.70 @ 8.35; western, \$5.75 @ 8.30.

Omaha Livestock. SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500 head. Market slow to 10c lower. Native steers, \$4.00 @ 8.90; western steers, \$3.50 @ 6.25; cows and heifers, \$2.75 @ 4.40; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 @ 5.15; calves, \$3.50 @ 7.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,700. Market was steady. Heavy, \$8.32 1/2 @ 8.40; mixed, \$8.20 @ 8.35; light, \$8.20 @ 8.35; pigs, \$6.75 @ 7.75; bulk of sales, \$8.30 @ 8.35. Sheep—Receipts, 8,800. Market slow to 10c lower. Yearlings, \$5.75 @ 7.00; wethers, \$5.25 @ 5.80; ewes, \$4.50 @ 5.50; lambs, \$7.00 @ 8.10.

Minneapolis Grain. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 30.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.12; May, \$1.11 1/2; cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.12 1/2 @ 1.13 1/2; No. 1 northern, \$1.12 @ 1.13 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$1.10 @ 1.11 1/2; No. 3 northern, \$1.09 @ 1.10 1/2.

Corn—No. 3, yellow, 58 1/2 @ 59 1/2 c. Oats—No. 3, white, 43 @ 43 1/2 c. Rye—No. 2, 73 1/2 @ 74 1/2 c.

New York Sugar. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Raw sugar, steady; Muscovado, 89 test, \$3.52; centrifugal, 96 test, \$4.02 molasses sugar, \$9 test, \$3.27; refined, steady.

Minneapolis Flax. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 30.—Flax closed at \$2.07 1/2.

New York Hides. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Hides, dull.

TO BOOST BILLINGS ON TOUR OF EAST

Basketball Team Provides Itself With Some Striking Advertisements for Minnesota Towns.

True to the practice of every other association and individual of Billings the Billings Basketball Bunch, better known as the Triple Bs, are preparing to let the citizens of the Minnesota towns in which they are scheduled to play know just what part of the West they come from and how good a place it is to go to for a new location.

Not content with garbing themselves in uniforms which can not help but attract wide attention, the quint, under the management of Lieutenant E. P. Nell, has provided itself with a thousand large posters bearing the pictures of the team and with every available inch of space that is not required for announcing the time and place of the coming game, occupied with catchy lines and figures regarding the growth of Billings and the unusual opportunities offered for the new settler. The posters are sure to attract attention, as they will be liberally distributed prior to the game in each town where the team will play. They bear, in addition to the advertising of Billings, the slogans of the Chamber of Commerce and the address of the secretary of that organization with the injunction to "write the secretary for more literature."

The last date for a game with the Triple Bs was filled last night when the team of Bismarck, N. D., telegraphed its acceptance of the challenge of the Billings quint. As the schedule stands the team will play 12 games, going as far east as Red Wing, Minn., and will leave this city on January 10 with the expectation of being gone two weeks.

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