

NORTHWEST NEWS.

Topics of General Interest in the Four New States and Elsewhere.

The township in which the town of Glasgow is situated will be included in the Milk river survey, the contract for which has been let to Deputies Rodney W. Page and Newton Orr. The survey will be commenced as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring.

Conductor Dowd, who came in yesterday, says the Great Falls Leader, informs us that the snow storm which reached us Sunday morning extends eastward beyond Glasgow—that there was every prospect when he left Glasgow, for a good old-fashioned snow fall.

At Cecil arrived from Harlem yesterday says the Benton River Press with 50 wolf and coyote skins upon which he expected the usual \$2 bounty. He had, however, to submit to a severe "skinning" before he could dispose of his bounty certificate. Mr. Cecil says it is an all around "skin game."

The fast train to be put on over the Northern Pacific in March will shorten the time six hours from St. Paul to Bozeman, says the Bozeman Chronicle. The local train will run faster than the present one. This will do away with two sections each day.

Charles Doggett found a leather sack containing 11 ounces of gold dust under the foundation of a store at Diamond City once owned by James Higgins. The gold is not a straight lot, but mixed, apparently trade dust, having been taken from the different parts of the Confederate mines. The sack was nearly rotten, an evidence that it had been hidden there a number of years.

The heavy fall of snow, says the Bozeman Chronicle, which now covers the mountains and fills up the gorges of the mountain range surrounding this valley, assures our farmers of plenty of water with which to irrigate and replenish their land. Other mountain ranges in Montana have not been so well covered with snow and in other parts of the state farmers are a little dubious about their prospects.

Captain Jensen has informed Adjutant General Douglas that company A of Great Falls, says the Tribune, is prepared to compete in drill with any company in the territory. Captain Jensen says the prize should be about \$250, so as to cover expenses. The challenge has been given in view of the approaching completion of the Helena arsenal, which may be opened with military ceremony.

William Harmon, Jefferson Ryan, G. Schoetz, George W. Allerton, Charles E. Brown and others have incorporated theuster County Horse Sales and Fair association with a capital stock of \$10,000, in 1,000 shares of \$10 each, with principal place of business at Miles City. The objects of the association will be the holding of fairs annually and the conducting of sales of all kinds of live stock, especially.

Of the 10 vestibuled Pullman sleepers ordered by the Northern Pacific, four have been received at these are Duluth, Helena, Spokane, and Eltopia. Two others are nearly ready for shipment and will be named Tenino and Wadena. These sleepers are after the pattern of the last ones built for the Northern Pacific company, the only changes of importance being those of the seats, which were formerly used and that the upholstery is finished in old gold instead of blue.

Sheriff O'Neal last Saturday night, says the Fort Benton River Press, arrested Joseph Kubon at the depot when he was about starting on the train for Great Falls. The arrest was made on a telegram from John Mashuga of Teton station, stating that Kubon had made improper advances to his (Mashuga's) wife, Kubon is a German, about 50 years of age, and is a section man on the Great Northern. He has been boarding with the Mashugas for the past month, and also slept in one corner of the box car which constitutes the "boarding house" at Teton. Mashuga works for the railroad as coal tender and his work takes him out at different hours of the day and night. Kubon denies that he said or did anything out of the way to the woman, and says that the charge is trumped up. He has a family in Minnesota. The Mashugas are Polanders, and an interpreter will be needed at the hearing. It seems to be a mixed affair.

The present snowfall is of inestimable value to the stockmen and farmers of northern Montana, says the Fort Benton River Press. To the former it guarantees a good growth of range grasses and to the latter it assures excellent crops. Unlike other portions of the state the land of northern Montana retains nearly all the moisture that falls upon it. Their clay subsoil is absolutely impervious to water and holds it subject to the drafts made upon it during the heated months by the growing grasses or cereals above. This is the reason why the vast plains and broad plateaus of this section of Montana have become famous as the finest grazing grounds in the world.

For ages the water in the valleys and upon the foot hills near or at the main range of the Rockies were literally burned up. They couldn't understand it. A few minutes' work with a shovel would have explained the mystery. Instead of the thin layer of soil found upon lands in the immediate vicinity of the great divide, and through which soils water runs as it does through a sieve, the prospector will find in northern Montana a generous depth of rich loam resting upon clay, or gumbo as it is called by some, through which water cannot pass and which is always moist during the driest season. The immediate vicinity of the divide, and hence when the foot hills and valleys near them are dried up and parched the great ranges of this portion of the state preserve their freshness and greenness. Therefore we say that the present snowfall is of inestimable value to the country. It can stand a greater depth without serious injury to the stock interests, while the farming interests will be placed beyond a reasonable possibility of failure.

Funeral notices neatly printed at the "Standard" office.

Pretty Girls as Ushers.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. "Speaking of English theaters, there is one feature connected with them that I wonder some one of our local managers hasn't adopted before this," remarked a man about town during a conversation on things theatrical the other evening. "I refer to 'lady ushers,'" he continued. "During my trip abroad last summer I visited a number of theaters and in every one a neatly attired young woman acted as usher."

"In some of the London theatres you buy your programme from the ushers, but that is getting to be a thing of the past. Such places of amusement as the Haymarket, of which Beerholm Tree is manager, and the Savoy, where D'Oyly Carte produces Gilbert and Sullivan's operas, make no charge for programmes, and, furthermore, the practice of 'tipping' is forbidden."

"One thing they say here is that our theater-goers wait until the last minute and then all get to the theater just about 8 o'clock. If there were women ushers they would take any stock in the theater, a fellow wouldn't mind waiting in the aisle a minute provided a pretty girl was to escort him to a seat. Then, again, he would have something to attract his attention if the play were bad. Just think of what a chance it would be for lots of poor girls who seldom get an opportunity to see a play of any kind."

Bucks Duel to the Death.

From Public Opinion. One of the keepers in Bushey park recently discovered two fine bucks, 6 and 7 years old, respectively, dead, their horns being firmly locked together in a most remarkable manner. The right horn of the uppermost animal was firmly fixed in the mouth of the lower; the left horn of the lower was as firmly fixed in the mouth of the upper, and the other horns were tightly locked together. The fight that had ended so fatally must have been a long and stubborn one, for both animals had sustained severe body wounds.

She Was Saving Time.

From the Lawrence American. Mr. Goodcatch (calling on the eldest sister): "Why, Johnny, how you are growing. You'll be a man before your sister, if you keep on." Johnny: "You bet I will. Sister will never be a man if she keeps on being 20 like she has for the last five years."

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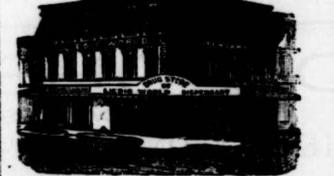
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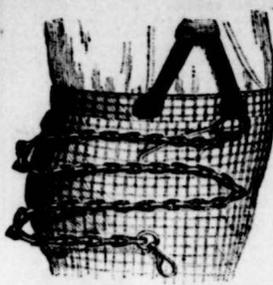
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