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In our east window will be seen a sample of the cutting we have done in this department. Suits selling now at \$3, \$4 and \$5 are cut from \$5, \$6 and \$7. If you want a suit for your boy bring him down to our store, and if you are not satisfied that our prices are right, do not buy and no harm is done.

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We have still a few suits of that \$2 underwear, which is acknowledged the greatest bargains ever seen in Butte. In our finer grades we have cut the prices from 35 to 50 per cent. In shirts we have jerseys at \$1.25 and \$1.50, worth double the money; fine French flannels and silk stripes at all prices, as well as a complete line of staple goods that will defy competition.

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IN A PITIABLE PLIGHT

Victims of Employment Agency Sharks in a Starving Condition.

GREAT FALLS NEWS NOTES

Seven Unfortunates Succumb to the Recent Cold Snap—The Board of Trade Receive a Scolding from the Local Papers.

Special Correspondence of the Standard.

GREAT FALLS, March 13.—The conditions existing at the present time along the line of construction of the Great Northern extension are reported to be far from encouraging to the laboring men now in that region. Advice from Cut Bank, the present terminus of the line, state that the cold weather of the past six weeks has almost totally suspended operations and that hundreds of wage-earners are consequently enduring enforced idleness, "holed up" in miserable boarding shanties that but illly protect them from the inclemency of the weather. While their condition is bad, however, that of hundreds who are sent there by being employment agents is said to be many times worse. Having no money they are refused admittance to the boarding shanties, and as no work is to be had, theirs is truly an aggravated case. Even after work is fully resumed it is very doubtful if the contractors can employ all the men now on the ground, owing to their great number. The employment agents of Chicago, St. Paul and Helena are mainly responsible for this, for your correspondent has talked with several men who were induced to go there under the alluring promise of plenty of work at good wages, made by those same agents who, if need be, would walk over hedges on a spider thread to clutch a working-man's dollar. Their victims, however, are now in a pitiable plight; starvation stares many of them in the face, with but slim prospects for obtaining any work.

At Summit, on the main range of the Rockies, 100 miles west of Cut Bank, a force of men are engaged in a tunnel, and in the hope of obtaining employment of some kind at that place numbers of men have walked from Cut Bank the entire distance through deep snows and in the worst kind of weather. Seven of these unfortunates succumbed to the terrible cold while on the journey, and it is feared many more have perished, although reliable data of the actual number who perished by freezing is not obtainable at this time. Others, deterred from attempting the trip by the horrible fate of their comrades, have spread themselves over the country, begging or stealing their food or railway passage, and ready to do any kind of mischief, thus becoming dangerous characters in the communities which they infest.

Numbers of these men have found quarters in the city jail here for violations of the law. To the STANDARD correspondent one of them, Robert McDonald by name, said that a Helena employment agent named Johnson had guaranteed him work at Cut Bank in consideration of which he (McDonald) had paid him \$12 for fees and railroad fare, and exhibited a receipt for the same. On arriving at Cut Bank no

work of any kind was to be had and he was beating his way back to Helena to have the employment agents prosecuted when he fell into the clutches of the law. There are hundreds of cases similar to his. The warm chinook now blowing is rapidly clearing the ground of snow and, if it continues, it will be possible to resume work on the extension in a few days and thus alleviate the sufferings of many honest workmen.

The various banking houses of the city are establishing a clearing house here. This is a good plan and will prove of great value as by it alone can the actual volume of currency for each month be ascertained. It will be the first clearing house in the state.

An election was held last Saturday for the purpose of ascertaining the will of property owners in the matter of bonding this district in the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school house on the south side of the city. There were 145 votes cast, only one of which was against the proposition.

The board of trade at its last meeting decided to send East to have some folders descriptive of Great Falls printed and did not extend to the local papers an invitation to present bids on the work. This action has raised the ire of the *Leader* and *Tribune*, and the board is receiving hot shot in every issue of each paper in consequence.

Flag L. Carter of Bynum, Choteau county, died in this city Monday of inflammation of the heart. He was buried Tuesday. The deceased was 31 years of age and was an extensive horse raiser in northern Montana. He was widely known and universally respected.

The Townsite company have platted and added to the city the fourth addition. The rapid sale of lots render the platting of new additions necessary from time to time.

S. H. Pierce, electrician for the Thompson-Houston system of electric railways, arrived Wednesday and is now busily engaged fixing motors in the cars of the Boston and Great Falls company's line. Formerly a steam motor was used, but everything is now arranged for using electricity instead.

The trouble over the action of the commissioners in buying the Townsite company's bridge across the Missouri continued several days, when the discovery was suddenly made that the action was illegal as the bonds were voted last fall and the bill passed by the last legislature to allow counties to incur certain indebtedness, not being retroactive, did not legalize the bonding of the county in the sum voted for. A new election will now be necessary in order to issue the bonds, and the commissioners will doubtless call for one at their special meeting, March 23.

A RAILROAD RUMOR.
The Rio Grande Western Negotiating For a Transcontinental Route.

DENVER, March 14.—It is said on good authority that the Rio Grande Western, in order to secure a short line to the Pacific coast, is negotiating for the purchase of the Oregon Pacific road, which is perfected from Yaquina bay on the Oregon coast to Boise City, Idaho, and build a railroad from Ogden, Utah, to connect with it which would give them a first class transcontinental route. At a secret meeting held by the Colorado and Utah lines, steps were taken to increase the freight fares from the Missouri river to Salt Lake.

"She Vos Mine Wife."

From the Washington Post.

There was a young man on a Milwaukee avenue car yesterday who was mad—not simply angry, but mad, through and through. The car was crowded, when a corpulent German, accompanied by an equally corpulent woman, elbowed his way inside. The woman was not pretty or attractive, and most of the male passengers did not even resort to any of the familiar tricks of the old-timer passenger when he conveniently wants to overlook the fact that a lady is holding on to a strap while he enjoys a comfortable seat. A well-dressed young man arose, and, touching the woman's arm to attract her attention, politely said:

"Here is a seat for you, madam."
The woman started toward the vacant seat, when her obese male companion, with a sigh of satisfaction, settled down into it before her.

The young man was surprised, but his astonishment soon gave way to anger. At first he was inclined to believe that the puffing old Teuton had made a mistake, but he soon became convinced that the action was identical.

Tapping the old man on the shoulder, he said quietly:

"I beg your pardon, sir, but I gave my seat to this lady, and not to you."
"Oh, yaw, dot is all right, mine friend," blurted out the old chap, "she vos mine wife."

The young man grasped a strap for support, and for a moment was too full for utterance. A riot was imminent, but at the next crossing several passengers alighted and bloodshed was averted.

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From the Harper's Bazar.

Customer—I want a 2-cent stamp.
Druggist—Certainly, ma'am. Anything else?

Customer—No. Please be sure and send the stamp home in time for the mail.

Druggist—Yes, ma'am. Shall I send the box to Heck's stamp?

Customer—No. That will not be necessary. How much?

Druggist (with a sigh)—Two cents.
Customer (paying him)—It does seem as though we ought to have cheaper postage. Good morning.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—Sadie J. Brown, plaintiff, vs. T. J. Palmer, John Hay, A. H. Wetthey, defendants. Under and by virtue of an order of sale, in the above entitled case, issued from out of the district court of the third judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Deer Lodge, I will sell at sheriff's sale, on Saturday, the 4th day of April, A. D. 1892, at 1 o'clock p. m. of said day, in front of the office of T. B. Fitzgerald, police judge, in the city of Anaconda, in Deer Lodge county, Montana, the lands and premises directed to be sold by this decree and order of sale, said lands being situated in Deer Lodge county, Montana, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: The Eclipse quartz lode mining claim, recorded in book "24" of lode locations, page 330, records of Deer Lodge county, Montana; the Summit quartz lode mining claim recorded in page 17 of Book of Forms, records of Deer Lodge county, state of Montana; also an undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Black Chief quartz lode mining claim—said claim adjoins the Eclipse and Summit quartz lode mining claims, together with all an singular, the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated Deer Lodge, this 9th day of March, 1892.
JAMES T. QUINN, Sheriff.
By THOS. F. WARD, Under Sheriff.

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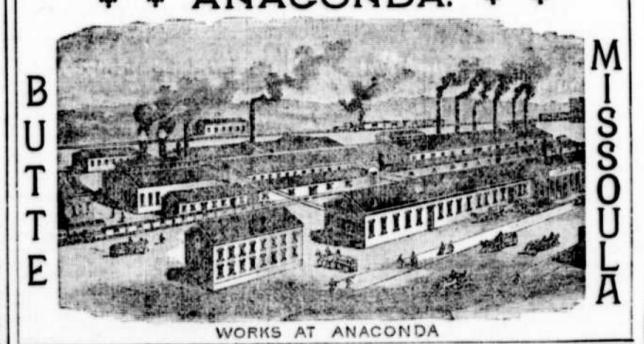
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