

BUTTE NEWS.

WAS A GROSS INJUSTICE



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HIS RELEASE GRANTED

Habeas Corpus Proceedings Instituted in Judge Clancy's Court and the Man Given His Freedom.

The high-handed way in which a man's liberty may be taken from him by persons clothed with brief and petty authority was demonstrated in a habeas corpus proceeding instituted in Judge Clancy's court yesterday morning by Attorney John N. Kirk in behalf of Matt Arnold who, the court decided, had been illegally confined in the county jail since the 1st of last June.

Arnold was arrested at Meaderville on the date named by one Fred Blood, purporting to act as constable for J. W. Miller, a justice of the peace, on the charge of assault in the third degree. The arrest was made upon complaint of George Jessie, an Austrian, the complaint in the case making the novel allegation that "the defendant was guilty of the crime of assault with third degree a sling shot and concealed weapons committed as follows, to-wit: that on or about the 21st day of May, 1897, the said defendant, Matt Arnold, did willfully and unlawfully did willfully and maliciously commit the assault by ordering them to stop and making motions with a sling shot, and using violence upon and towards Mrs. Jessie, which is violation of the laws of the state of Montana."

Upon this novel charge Arnold was arrested on the morning of June 1 and taken before Justice Miller and required to plead at once. He pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The county attorney was not consulted in the case and there was no one present at the trial to represent the state and the defendant had no counsel and had not been given an opportunity to consult one. The trial came off promptly on the hour and was conducted through an Austrian interpreter. Four witnesses testified against Arnold and the defendant was permitted to testify in his own behalf, after which Justice Miller sentenced him to six months in the county jail, besides imposing a fine of \$500, which he was ordered to pay or remain in jail 250 days in addition to the six months. No judgment was ever entered against him, but he was taken to jail, where he has been confined for six months and nine days. Arnold can speak and understand very little English and was at no time informed of the nature of the charge against him, his right to be represented by counsel, or privilege of trial by a jury. All these facts were presented to Judge Clancy at the habeas corpus hearing yesterday morning.

After Arnold had served six months in jail he began to think about getting out and demanded to be released, but the sheriff informed him that he had no authority to turn him loose. His friends finally consulted an attorney and the habeas corpus was resorted to. It was not opposed and Judge Clancy ordered the defendant to be released and told him he might have been out six months ago if he had consulted an attorney. Aside from the irregularity of his arrest, trial and conviction, the court has repeatedly decided that a person cannot be sentenced to jail and also be required to serve out a fine, and that the imposition of a fine in addition to a jail sentence is illegal and void.

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The first-mentioned dogs wear red collars, the others white. Judges—Frank Madden, John Hancock, Jonathan Blake, Slipper—Joseph Hicks.

CONDITION OF TRADE.

Bradstreet's Review.

New York, Dec. 10.—Bradstreet's will say to-morrow: Mild weather throughout most of the country has interfered to some extent with the distribution of winter clothing and other seasonable goods, and trade from first hands is quieter even than last week. Jobbers and retailers, however, report a steady demand, and in some regions, very active business in holiday goods, groceries and kindred products. Reports from the South as a whole are very good, with especially favorable accounts from New Orleans, Atlanta, Nashville and the Central South. Collections are as a rule generally very satisfactory.

Favorable reports come from Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Paul in the Central West and Northwest, while the Pacific coast notes a heavy increase in the trade report and continuing, based upon the enlarged Alaska demand. San Francisco reports the wheat crop improved by recent rains, with conservative estimates pointing to a yield of 87,000 tons.

General trade on the coast is very heavy. The price situation is one of sustained and ever aggressive strength. Wheat is higher, partly on the improved statistical situation, but largely in sympathy with the Chicago squeeze, which had advanced prices 10c per bushel within a week in that market. All cereals have sympathized with wheat, and coffee, copper, cotton, dairy products, beef tobacco and raw sugar are also among the prominent staples which have been enhanced in value. The decreases have been a few and there has been slight shading at Pittsburg and sympathetic weakness at other points on an immense production. Cereal exports continue very large, although showing a falling off from last week's total.

Total exports of wheat and flour from the United States and Canada this week aggregated 4,252,888 bushels, against 4,589,000 bushels last week, 4,222,000 bushels the week a year ago, 2,458,000 bushels in 1896, 2,526,000 bushels in 1891 and 3,217,000 bushels in 1885.

Corn exports also show a falling off, aggregating 2,008,000 bushels this week against 4,585,000 bushels last week, 3,541,000 bushels last year and 2,491,000 bushels in 1895.

There were 292 business failures reported throughout the United States as opposed to 250 last week, 381 in the week a year ago, 315 in 1896 and 381 in 1891.

Bank failures in Canada this week aggregated 25,543,250, a decrease of 1.8 per cent. from last week, but an increase of 8 per cent. over a year ago.

Financial Review. New York, Dec. 10.—Bradstreet's Financial Review to-morrow will say: Public interest in speculation has increased to some extent, but the activity and the strength of this week's market were again largely due to professional manipulation.

The president's message, more particularly the part relating to Cuba, was favorably received by the street and it is apparently conceded that the danger of unsettling agitation on the Cuban question in congress has been materially lessened. The leading operators who have taken hold of the share market on the bull side are supported in their attitude by the increasing activity in bonds and the large investment demand at the advancing figures of the market, now extended from high grade securities to the second class of railway mortgages.

Large increases in railroad earnings continue to be one of the chief factors in the situation, and rumors are current regarding the payment of dividends or their interest by a number of companies. The announcement that quarterly dividends of 1 per cent. on the preferred shares of the reorganized Northern Pacific road has been begun was fully expected and aided in giving currency many reports of the same kind in regard to the other corporations.

It is true that early in the week the street had an disappointment in regard to an extra dividend on Sagu stock, which was not declared. The general market, however, manifested a disposition to cut loose from Sagu and was, indeed, somewhat inclined to disregard other favorable factors.

London has continued to sell sparingly in this market and the indications from Washington seem to be that despite the careful treatment of currency questions by the president, there is a possibility of any legislation whatever by congress on this subject.

Estimate of Production. Washington, Dec. 10.—The agricultural department to-day issued the following: "The department's special investigation is still lacking a few important returns, but the general result will be made public by Monday at noon and will be made public."

The department's final estimates of the production of the principal crops are based largely on the December report, and in accordance with the department's practice, they will not be made public until the 15th of the month at the earliest. The only information now available relates to the average farm price of certain products on the first day of the present month. The farm price of corn averaged 21.5c last year; that of oats 18.7c against 18.7c last year; that of barley 37.7c against 32.3c last year; that of rye 44.7c against 40.3c last year; that of buckwheat 42c against 39.2c last year; that of hay 46.5c per ton against 36.5c last year.

The averages for the products not stated are withheld for reasons, as are also the estimates of the acreage of winter wheat and rye and the condition of these products."

Bank Clearings. New York, Dec. 10.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the following cities for the week ended Dec. 10, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Table with columns for City, Amount, and % Change. Includes New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Kansas City, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Buffalo, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland, Ore., Los Angeles, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, N. D., and Totals.

DOMINION OF CANADA. Montreal \$12,991,574 8.8 Toronto 8,440,211 2.0 Winnipeg 1,891,794 29.0 Halifax 1,249,979 8.2 Hamilton 792,948 1.5 St. John, N. B. 309,892 1.0 Total 25,767,298 10.9

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HINDS' ANNUAL REPORT

Treasurer's Annual Statement for the Last Fiscal Year.

SILVER BOW'S FINANCES

Total Receipts and Disbursements of the County—Sources From Which the Various Funds Were Derived. The Levy of Taxes.

County Treasurer Hinds yesterday completed his annual financial statement covering the fiscal year ended Nov. 30, 1897, and report, which is made to the state examiner, shows the total amount of money received during the year, the amount credited to each fund, the amounts paid out and the balance remaining at the close of the year, besides giving all the sources from which the funds were received. The statement is as follows:

Table with columns: Balance in fund Dec. 1, 1896; Received for credit during year; Total; Paid out during year; Bal. to credit of fund Nov. 30, 97. Lists various funds like General fund, Contingent fund, Road fund, etc.

Sources of receipts: Received from taxes, 187; received from penalties, 255,307.69; received from delinquent taxes, 5,709.66; received from county officers, 1,371.44; received from licenses, 126,576.59; received from county officers, 24,522.10; received from receipts, 3,877.55; received from justice fees, 1,378.50; received from district clerk, 32,195.11; received from teachers' exams, 3,656.65; received from county officers, 121.00; received from mortgages, 47.75; received from coroner's fees, 59.75; received from poll and road tax, 15,057.59; received from school clerk, 790.65; received from sale of school lands, 2,819.91.

LEVY OF TAXES, IN MILLS. 1896—State, 2 1/2; stock indemnity, 1/2; stock inspector and detective, 1/2; stock inspector and indemnity, 1/2; stock bounty, 1/2; county, 1/2; total, 4 1/2.

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Delinquent taxes for 1897 remaining unpaid Nov. 30, 1897: State, 47,499.65; stock indemnity, 39.59; stock inspector and detective, 47.32; stock inspector and indemnity, 1.06; stock bounty, 364.55; county special (not included), 199,006.56; all other taxes, 31,459.15.

Total, 327,247.74. The figures relating to "delinquent taxes" may be misleading because taxes were not levied on Nov. 30, the close of the state's fiscal year. They did not become delinquent until the close of business hours on Dec. 6, at which time the county, 2 1/2, total, 4 1/2, delinquent in Silver Bow county was little more than \$5,000, not including about \$8,000 of the Markley & Armstrong list.

Manicure sets, 50 cents up at Newbro's.

An entertainment and dance will be given Monday evening, Dec. 12, at Muntzer hall, by Montana lodge No. 45 United Moderns, for members and invited friends.

Calling Cards. The correct calling card is much smaller and thicker than those lately used, and the script also smaller than formerly. See samples at Butte office of Standard.

BOLD ROBBERY AT SEA. Sailors Steal Several Thousand Pounds and Then Desert.

From the London Mail. Particulars are to hand of a daring and thoroughly planned robbery on board a German liner plying between China and Japan and England, by which the ship's mail was broken open and several thousands of pounds abstracted. The date of the conspiracy, which was carried out by three German sailors, has transpired through the arrest at Vienna of one of the conspirators, who had deserted from his ship and, with his share of the plunder, managed in a roundabout way to reach the Austrian capital. There he confided to a waiter that he had a large sum of money and wished to start in business, but a detective noticed that the sailor seemed extraordinarily "flush" of money, and observing him change a hundred forins note in a cafe, arrested him on suspicion of being concerned in a robbery.

Large sums of money were found upon him, and upon his lodgings being searched further large sums were discovered. The sailor eventually confessed to being a participant, though not directly in the great robbery on board the ship, his share of the plunder having been given to him as "hush money."

He was examined on oath and his evidence disclosed that a very carefully planned robbery had taken place on board the ship, which was bound for England for English firms. It was arranged before the vessel sailed that if any gold should be taken on board the mail-room should be broken into and the money abstracted. The doors of mail-rooms are locked with a spring automatically when pushed to, but the robbers, the ringleader of whom has, it is stated, been at large some time, succeeded in forcing the door of the mail-room by the folding doors, which he then raised, and so gained access into the mail-room.

The sailor who had been arrested, and who has given this account of the robbery, says he does not know how the ringleader broke open the box containing the money, but he admits that the ringleader told him that he had an impression of the seals and that he could make them again. The weight of the box when emptied of its contents was made up by filling it with bullets, which all three perpetrators secretly brought on board before leaving port. The arrested sailor says he was in such a terrible fear that during the two hours of his watch when he was not steering he had to lie down in the rudder house and act as though he were asleep. Subsequently he saw the ringleader, who told him that he had been working at the theft during the whole four hours of the watch. He also told the prisoner that his share of the gold was secretly hidden in the rudder-house, and described where he could find it, and later the prisoner did find his booty as directed. It was in two heavy purses, one larger than the other, containing about 400 Japanese and American gold coins and 15 \$20-pieces. He wrapped the money up in his oil-skin and kept it in his bed in his berth and was not heard of again until his arrest in Vienna under the circumstances already stated.

This robbery will, in all probability, form the subject of an action at law in English courts by the consignees of the

specie against the ship-owners on the ground that the latter were guilty of negligence in allowing the robbery to take place under such circumstances.

THE PRODUCTS FROM WOOD. Sixty Per Cent. of Wood is Liquid and Can Be Converted Into Alcohol.

From the Boston Transcript. It is not generally known that over 60 per cent of wood may be converted into liquid. The strongest hydraulic pressure would not squeeze one-half of 1 per cent of moisture from dry wood, but by putting the same material into an iron retort and converting it into charcoal by means of heat, the gases and smoke, to the extent of fully 65 per cent of the weight of the wood, may be condensed into liquid called pyrolytic acid, and from it are obtained wood alcohol, acetate of lime and wood tars. A cord of wood weighing 4,000 pounds produces about 2,650 pounds of pyrolytic acid and 700 pounds of charcoal. The pyrolytic acid from one cord of wood produces nine gallons of 82 per cent. crude wood alcohol, 200 pounds of acetate of lime and about 25 gallons of tar, besides 25 bushels of charcoal. After the pyrolytic acid is neutralized with lime the wood alcohol is distilled off, the lime holding the acetate in solution. After the separation of the wood spirit the remaining liquid is boiled down in open pans to a sugar, which is dried and becomes the acetate of lime of commerce. Acetate of lime is used for making acetic acid. Fully three-fifths of all the wood alcohol and acetate of lime produced in the world are made in the United States. Fully 15,000 acres per year are cleared for the purpose. Wood alcohol affords a perfect substitute for grain alcohol for manufacturing and mechanical purposes, and at least one-third the cost. It is used principally as a solvent in the making of shellac varnish, in making celluloid, photographic paper, etc. It makes many beautiful dye tints. It is antiseptic and much used for disinfectants and for skin rubbing in bath houses.

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