

BUTTE NEWS.

WHO OWNS THE GARDENS

A Suit Brought Against H. L. Frank et al. to Quiet Title.

IT IS MINING GROUND

The Butte Hardware Company Is the Plaintiff in the Action—Facts Recited in the Complaint Served Yesterday.

A suit was brought in the district court yesterday by the Butte Hardware company against H. L. Frank, John S. Clapp and F. H. Symons to quiet title to some mining ground covering the Columbia gardens. The hardware company claims under an old judgment against John A. Gordon and Frederic Ritchie, the latter the original owner of the gardens. The complaint files the case yesterday recites the fact that on Sept. 6, 1896, the plaintiff company obtained a default judgment against Gordon & Ritchie for \$322, and that on May 18, 1895, an execution was issued and the sheriff levied on the Evangelist, Mascott, Copper Trust, John the Baptist, Silver Moon and Eddie Iode claims, the property of Mr. Ritchie. At the sheriff's sale the Butte Hardware company purchased the property, and there being no redemption made, a sheriff's deed was executed to the purchaser. After the judgment had been obtained Paul Davis conveyed the property to Ritchie, and on the same day the latter decided it to H. L. Frank. Afterwards Frank obtained patents to the ground and on Oct. 23, 1896, he sold the surface ground of the Copper Trust to John S. Clapp and F. H. Symons, being already claimed by the Butte Hardware company. The latter alleges that Frank, Clapp and Symons are claiming title to it wrongfully and their possession is a cloud on the plaintiff's title, wherefore the court is asked to compel them to make an absolute deed to the company for the ground and to declare the defendants to have no right or title to the premises.

An amended complaint was yesterday filed in the case of P. Miller against the city of Butte in the action to recover judgment for one-half the value of the forged city warrants which Miller discovered. The complaint alleges that Miller discovered a contract he had with Mayor Thompson. He claims there is due him under the contract \$72.33, which the city has refused to pay, though it has given notice that the warrants in question were forged and would not be paid. In his amended complaint, Miller alleges that the city has failed to commence and prosecute with reasonable diligence any suits for the purpose of procuring a judicial collection of the warrants, but under a resolution of the council, has refused to pay them. On a second cause of action Mr. Miller alleges that he also discovered that \$360 in forged warrants had been improperly paid by the city treasurer, and the city had agreed to bring suit against the treasurer, and his bondsmen to recover the amount so illegally paid by that officer and pay to the plaintiff one-half of the sum recovered, but in violation of the agreement the city has failed and neglected to commence the suit, although about two years have elapsed since the discovery was made and reported to the city by the plaintiff, and he therefore demands judgment for \$360, being his half of the warrants illegally paid by the treasurer.

An amended complaint was yesterday filed in the case of the First National bank against John E. Black and others, a suit for \$3,381, due on a note, and for taxes paid and to foreclose a mortgage on the Tom Hanev lode claim and on lot 5, block 42, of the city of Butte. The court is asked to appoint a receiver to take charge of the city property and collect the rents and profits during the pendency of the action in court and during the period allowed for the redemption of the property after the sale, and apply the income to the payment of taxes, court costs and other debts as directed by the court. The state of T. S. Hamilton has a mortgage on the Tom Hanev for \$2,500, dated May 15, 1884, and it is claimed by the bank that mortgage has become barred by the expiration of the statute and the court is asked to so decree.

KLONDYKE? Music and skating at Holland street rink to-night.

DON'T LIKE LODGE'S BILL.

Protest Against Applying An Educational Test To Immigrants. New York, Jan. 6.—A preliminary meeting for the setting on foot of an active opposition to the immigration bill introduced in congress by Senator Lodge, making it necessary for immigrants to be able to read five lines of the constitution before being allowed to enter this country, was held this afternoon at the Astor house. A number of well-known men were present and a long list of well-known names was presented, showing the standing and character of men who oppose Senator Lodge in his efforts to further restrict immigration by applying an educational test.

A letter from William Lloyd Garrison was read in which the writer indicated his opposition to the restriction. W. Bourke Cockran and Dr. Senner were elected president and secretary of the meeting, and it was agreed to hold a meeting to-morrow at the Astor house to elect permanent officers, adopt a constitution and complete the organization of an association.

IN A CHICAGO SALOON.

A Little Interruption During Which Three or Four Men Are Killed. Chicago, Jan. 6.—A noted and noted member of the "shell-worm" gang was shot dead and Frank, alias Sean and Martin Donahue, were probably fatally, during a quarrel in a saloon at 117 North Michigan street. The affair is said to be the result of a feud of months' standing and Donahue are at Alxain hospital. Neither is expected to live for 24 hours. Donahue was shot in the chest just over the heart, which was a bullet in his head. According to one of the men arrested in the saloon at the time of the shooting, Donahue killed Murphy in self-defense and Sean was shot while acting as peace-maker. Donahue is a saloon keeper and Sean a constable. Thirteen men were arrested in the

saloon at the time of the shooting, among them being "Major" Sampson, who was suspected of complicity in the murder of Gus Colander during the election riots three years ago, and for which Alderman Thompson O'Malley was tried and acquitted. The general theory is that the trouble originated in a stabbing affray which took place in Donahue's saloon about three months ago between Murphy and a man named Joe Keohoe. Murphy was stabbed over the eye and on his recovery blamed Donahue for causing the trouble. Murphy swore vengeance.

HE CALLS A CONVENTION

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erable and selfish ambition. The democratic republicans agree upon an honorable republican, the Foraker members unanimously propose will, in effect, be casting at least half of his vote for Mark Hanna. The democrats who will oppose Hanna's opponent will be a friend to Ohio.

A call was issued to-night by the republican state executive committee for a mass convention of republicans to be held in this city on Monday, to protest against the attempt to defeat Senator Hanna. The call follows: "Headquarters Ohio Republican State Executive Committee, Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 6, 1898.

"To the Republicans of Ohio: The constitution of our state provides that the people have the right to assemble together in peaceable manner to consult for their common good, to instruct their representatives and to petition the legislature for rectification of grievances.

"We call upon you in the exercise of this right to meet in mass convention at the Auditorium in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, Jan. 12, 1898, at 5 o'clock p. m. The republicans of Ohio, in county, district and township, are hereby assembled last spring and summer, promised the people they would return Hon. M. A. Hanna to the senate of the United States. A pledge more sacred was never made, and this is the one of the foremost political campaigns in the history of our state was fought until it achieved a splendid victory.

"During the campaign a few state conspirators, pretended republicans, not giving heed to the lawfully expressed will of the party, sought in every section of the state to defeat the legislative nominees of the republican party. Overwhelmed and defeated by your ballots, they have since consorted with your enemies for the purpose of defeating your will, solemnly expressed at the polls. These acts are a disgrace to Ohio, shown that they do not love the great and beneficent principles of our party and that the wishes of the people are to be regarded by them. All that is dear to them is personal revenge and spoils.

"Not in anger, but with shame, we inform you that your representatives in the general assembly have joined in this unholy compact and there is danger that they will disregard your wishes and expressed instructions.

"We therefore call upon you to assemble and assemble, and to elect a committee to be saved from this infamy and to petition your representatives by your presence and by your words to faithfully perform the duty which you imposed upon them. By order of the committee.

"George K. Nash, chairman; John R. Malloy, secretary; W. F. Burdette, treasurer; Phil S. Clark, George Myers, G. L. Marble, S. J. Hollenbeck." A report was current to-night that a telegram had been received by the democratic leaders from John R. McClean requesting that his name be kept out of the senatorial matter and urging the democrats to agree upon a candidate for senator to defeat Mr. Hanna. While there was no positive confirmation of this story, there were developments which led to the belief that it contained some truth.

Last evening the Press, a local democratic paper, contained an editorial advising the democratic members to vote for a democrat for senator. To-night the same paper reverses its position editorially and advises the democratic members to vote for any republican to defeat Mr. Hanna. It is also known that influence is being brought to force all the democrats into line. A number of these members have declared that they would not vote for a republican, and if they persist in their attitude there will be a deadlock. The plan of the anti-Hanna people is said now to be to force all the democrats into line and defeat Mr. Hanna at the outset. They are entirely on the defensive now, and it is claimed a long deadlock would weaken their position. There is no lack of confidence, however, at the anti-Hanna headquarters, although the demands being made upon the boiling republicans is increasing every hour. The democrats are now demanding, is said a concession and a general amnesty. At present but five of the 21 congressional districts in the state are counted as democratic. It is said that Senator Fink of Perry county, whom Congressman Grosvenor defeated in the year ago, is engaged in preparing the re-districting measure. He seeks to put himself and General Grosvenor in a strong democratic district so that the old battle can be fought over. Senator Fink's bill, it is claimed, will receive the support of Mr. Kurtz, who wants to down the Athenian statesman and get even with him for taking a hand in the senatorial contest. As there are several ambitious members on the democratic side who want to go to congress, Senator Fink may have trouble in passing his measure. It is said that the bill of D. Northern of Tiffin, in a republican district, so that he will be shelved for the part he is taking in the senatorship.

Henry H. Redkey, representative from Highland county, came out today for Senator Hanna. He has been claimed by the anti-Hanna people. Wednesday several Hanna republicans came here from Highland county to labor with Mr. Redkey. He gave them audience in the smoking room of the house and listened patiently until they were through. At the conclusion he told them he would support Mr. Hanna. When asked about the matter this evening, Mr. Redkey said: "You can state that I am fully determined to vote for Senator Hanna, and shall do so next Tuesday. I so announced myself to-day and will not reconsider the matter, as it has been fully settled in my mind."

Representative W. A. Scott, Jr., of Fulton county, said he preferred to wait until he saw his constituents before committing himself on the matter, and added: "You may state, and that positively, that I will not vote for any but a straight republican next Wednesday. Furthermore, I do not care to be quoted beyond this."

Dixon's Fatal Spin. Paris, Jan. 6.—Charles Dixon, who is described as a former officer in the United States navy, attempted to commit suicide at 11 o'clock last night at his residence, 31 Avenue Victor Hugo, by stabbing himself three times near the heart with a dagger. The supposed motive of his attempt to take his life is spinal trouble, from which he has long been a sufferer.

IT'S 49 COLUMNS LONG

But 26 of the 46 Columns Are the Markley & Armstrong List.

THAT'S WHAT STRETCHES

Otherwise Silver Bow County's Delinquent Tax Payers Would Be Fewer This Year Than Usual—Some of the Names on the List.

Silver Bow county's delinquent tax list was published yesterday, and it covers the longest ever printed. It probably 49 columns of the county's official newspaper and contains nearly 5,000 descriptions of property. The great length of the list is due to the notorious delinquent list made by Markley & Armstrong, as that alone fills 26 columns. But for that, Silver Bow county's delinquents would make a very small showing. The Markley & Armstrong list covers the years from 1889 to 1895, inclusive, and very few mining companies or individual taxpayers escape it. In a major portion of the persons listed as delinquent claim to have paid, and probably have, but have no means of proving it and will likely pay nothing, as the amount involved are so small that one can afford to make a legal fight on the tax.

The list includes, among thousands of others, the Northern Pacific Railroad company, W. A. Clark, J. K. Clark, Colorado Mining, the Levee, W. Foster, Marcus Daly, Joseph Broughton, Caplice & Brannigan, J. H. Curtis, E. H. Irvine, C. X. Laramie, P. A. Largey, A. H. Mitchell, C. W. Stapleton, The Alice Mining, American American Mining company, A. J. Johnston, A. J. Davis, J. A. Murray, W. V. Lawlor, John McCormick, William Beck, R. M. Coburn, H. A. Driggs, J. R. Wharton, Goodrich and Silver Lick company, John E. Lloyd, C. S. Warren, C. F. Mussgro, Glenary Mining company, Helena and Butte Mining company, D. J. Honesty, J. J. Logan, J. D. Thornton, J. A. Talbot and many others. The regular list of delinquents includes such names as the Butte Hardware company, M. J. Connell, the Coburns, A. J. Davis, S. Y. Cooper, P. A. Largey, John Leggat, J. A. Murray, The Montana Loan and Realty company, and, as usual, the Grand Opera House company, which is down for \$243.

The greatest lot of property upon which taxes are delinquent is in the Northern Pacific addition to Butte. Newman Kline owns 19 lots in that addition. The largest lot is owned by Thomas Cooper 125, John W. Kendrick about 60, C. M. Coleman 22, and many others smaller numbers. The tax averages about 66 cents per lot, which is more than the lots are worth. W. P. Coburn & Co., as trustees, are delinquent on a large number of lots in Clark's addition, the tax running up as high as some pieces of property as \$52.42. Frank J. Farrell is delinquent on a large number of lots in Farrell's addition, and William Huselton has 143 in the Valley Queen addition on which he has not paid taxes. The Montana Portland Realty company is delinquent on a great amount of real estate and personal property and J. A. Murray is delinquent on property in King's addition. Noyes & Patton's addition on the Blackfoot road, Maud S. and other mining claims. F. T. McBride is on the list for 29 lots in King's addition. George F. Lewis estate for 61 lots in the Big Butte addition. W. H. Rayburn owns 18 Thomas Pleasant Valley addition. Charles E. Shippen, Harry W. Shippen and Anna Shippen for 40 lots in the Pleasant View addition; W. H. Abbott for 26 lots in the Pleasant View addition; J. A. Talbot for 38 lots in the Big Butte addition; Frederika Whitford estate for 70 lots, and C. C. Wylie, also a large number in the Pleasant View addition. Among the distinguished names on the delinquent list is that of George Washington, who owes \$411 on personal property. The property upon which taxes are delinquent will be sold by Treasurer Hinds on the 27th of this month.

DOWN THE GO. Still More Wholesale Cutting of Wages in New England. New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 6.—The special general meeting of the Weavers' union, unanimously voted to strike. Notwithstanding that the vote was formal, it was generally understood that it is the sentiment of practically all the weavers of the city. The formal vote will be taken to-morrow night, Geo. Me, Jan. 6.—The 1,500 men employed in the York cotton mills received notice to-day of a 10-per cent reduction in wages, to take effect Jan. 17.

GRAFTON, MASS., Jan. 6.—Notice of a 10-per cent cut in wages, to take effect Jan. 17, was posted at the Fisherville cotton mills to-day. PITTSFIELD, N. H., Jan. 6.—The Pittsfield cotton mills gave notice to their 250 operatives to-night of a 10-per cent reduction in wages. BRATTLEBORO, MASS., Jan. 6.—Notice of a reduction of wages, averaging about 11 per cent, was given to the 1,000 operatives in the mills at Hebronville and Dodgeville to-day.

PAKETUCKET, N. H., Jan. 6.—The directors of the Valley Falls and Albion cotton mills, the companies in the Blackstone valley which had not announced a reduction in wages, voted to follow the example of competitors and notices will be posted. They employ about 32,000 operatives. The average pay of the mill spinners in these mills is \$5 to \$9.50 per week.

GOT EVEN WITH BITTINGER.

Fifty Blackbills Against the American Consul at Montreal. Montreal, Jan. 6.—United States Consul Bittinger was to-night blackbilled by the St. James club, the leading social organization in the city which numbers among its members the present and past generals of Canada and the principal citizens of Montreal. It is said that no less than 50 blackbills were cast against the consul, representing 50 of the United States government. Mr. Bittinger's defeat was undoubtedly brought about by an article published in a Chicago paper a week ago last Sunday, which was telegraphed and published in full by the local newspapers. In the article Mr. Bittinger was made to say that the French Canadian citizens of Quebec were forming secret societies and arranging for an outbreak looking to the independence of Canada.

INDEPENDENTS CARRY MEMPHIS. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 6.—Joseph J. Williams, independent democrat, to-day was elected mayor of Memphis over Isaac C. Clapp, the present incumbent, by a majority of about 500 votes. The entire independent ticket was also carried by reduced majorities.

CONFIRMATIONS. Washington, Jan. 6.—The senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: To be United States consuls: Edward D. Wilson, of Illinois, at Stockholm, Sweden;

M. J. Burk, of Illinois, at Port Stanley and St. Thomas, Canada; Louis H. Ayne, of Illinois, at Guadalupe, West Indies; J. N. McGinnis, of Wisconsin, at Dunfermline, Scotland; George H. Moulton, of Colorado, at Demarara, British Guiana; C. W. Merriman, of Wisconsin, at Brockville, Ont.; Daniel E. McFlinley, of Wisconsin, at Athens, Greece; also Edwin M. Tracton, of Michigan, Idaho, as the Indian agent at Lemhi agency, in Idaho.

BURNED TO A CRISP.

The Shocking Sight That Met the Eyes of a Loving Husband.

Grass Valley, Cal., Jan. 6.—When Paul Bitch, who lives on the Colfax road 18 miles distant, returned home this evening after an absence of 24 hours at the mines, he found his house in darkness. A search revealed the dead body of his wife 50 feet from the cottage. Every vestige of clothing had been burned from the woman's body, only her shoes remaining. The lower portion of the body had been burned to a crisp, her limbs being twisted into peculiar shapes by the heat. Her face and head were not badly burned, but they might as well have been, for they would not then have furnished food for the dogs and cats. The head was torn, and presented an awful sight. Search was made for Bitch's 4-year-old child. It was found in its cradle, almost naked, with its head badly burned and chilled through from exposure, as the woman in rushing out of the building had left the doors wide open. It is doubtful if he will live. It is believed that Mrs. Bitch was starting a fire in the fireplace, and in doing so her dress caught fire, enveloping her in flames, and in her frantic efforts she probably threw a piece of furniture on the fire, which caused her head. Appearances indicated that she had rolled on the ground several times in an effort to smother the flames, when she finally lost her strength and consciousness and was burned to a crisp.

OVERSTREET'S BILL.

It Incorporates All the Recommendations of the Monetary Commission.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Representative Overstreet of Indiana, introduced in the house to-day a comprehensive bill carrying out the plan of the monetary commission for the reform of the currency. The bill was referred to the committee on banking and currency. The bill contains 47 sections and embodies in legislative form every feature of the recommendations made. In the early portion the recommendations relating to the maintenance of the gold standard, the creation of a bureau of issue and redemption and the gradual retirement of the legal tender notes, are embodied in the bill in almost the same language as in the report. The banking and currency committee has carefully defined the character of the guaranty fund for the protection of notes issued upon assets and the manner of redeeming the notes of failed banks.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERY. Portland, Ore., Jan. 6.—Julian E. Epping and George F. Watson, indicted for conspiracy to rob the registry department of the Portland postoffice, were put on trial in the United States district court to-day. The case proceeded only as far as the examination of the first witness, Frank H. Gaultier, who was indicted jointly with Epping and Watson. He pleaded guilty some time ago and was present as a witness for the government.

MARYLAND'S DEADLOCK. Annapolis, Md., Jan. 6.—The deadlock over the speakership of the Maryland house of delegates was unbroken to-day and there was no indication that it will be settled for some time to come.

SUICIDE OF A LUNATIC. New York, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Marion A. Peters, aged 32 years, shot and killed herself at her home in this city last night. Recently she had been declared insane by physicians.

THE RED EAGLE SCREAMS. Berlin, Jan. 6.—At the new palace last night Emperor William personally decorated Baron Von Buelow, minister of the foreign affairs, with the order of the Red Eagle.

CASH. Washington, Jan. 6.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$322,955,572; gold reserve, \$42,028,265.

WITH ALL HANDS ON BOARD. Marseilles, Jan. 7.—It is reported that a large steamer as yet unidentified, has foundered with all hands off Beaudoc, in the Mediterranean.

CHIEF METCALCH. New York, Jan. 6.—The police commissioners to-day appointed Acting Chief Metcalch as chief of police in this city.

MORGAN BUYS A RAILROAD. New York, Jan. 6.—J. P. Morgan & Co. has purchased a majority stock of the Susquehanna & Western railroad.

IN FAVOR OF SPAIN. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 6.—The dominion government has decided to extend the preferential or reduced tariff to Spain.

BEAN TRUST. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—An advance of \$1 a ton for beans has resulted from the formation of the bean pool.

THE SEALING OF LETTERS. Before the invention of the gummed envelope, various methods were used for sealing letters. The first seals consisted of a ring that was affixed to clay or bole, and later to chalk, or creta astatica, a mixture of pitch, wax and plaster.

The use of wax did not become general until the middle ages. Beeswax, made yellow by time, was the first material used. Then came sealing wax mixed with a white substance. Red wax began with Louis VI, in 1135, and green wax made its appearance about 1157. In the thirteenth century yellow, brown, and blue were added to the other colors; and black wax is a rarity met with in the seals of the military and religious orders.

Among the ancients, ring seals were used not only for sealing letters, but also—as small locks were not common—for sealing caskets and chests that contained valuable objects, as they were even used for sealing the doors of houses and apartments.

Under the First Empire people began to use wafers, which were brought from Italy by the officers and aides of the French army. These wafers were cut with a punch out of a thin leaf made of flour.

Finally gummed envelopes gradually began to replace sealing wax and wafers nearly everywhere. The first envelopes, which were manufactured in England, date back to 1840. The machine for folding them was invented in 1843, by Edwin Hill and Warren de la Rue, and in 1849 was so improved by the latter that it was capable of folding and gumming 3,000 envelopes an hour. Since 1850 the annual production of envelopes has been greatly increasing, and there are now being manufactured in Paris alone 1,500,000 daily.

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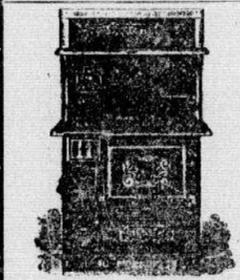
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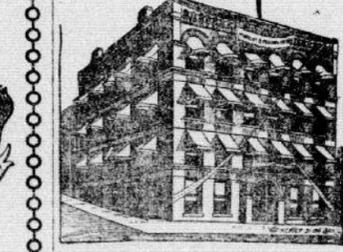
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