

BUTTE NEWS.

ARCHITECTS ARE BUSY

Plans Are Being Drawn for Several Large Blocks.

TO GET AN EARLY START

A Wonderful Change Will Be Made in the Appearance of Butte If All the Plans Are Carried Out—Change the Bad Lands.

The architects of Butte are very busy now and plans are being drawn for a number of big blocks, and if all are erected which are now contemplated there will be a wonderful change in Butte's appearance inside of a year. The intention seems to be to get an early start as the weather will permit and have the new blocks ready for occupancy before next winter.

There will have to be a new map of the bad lands if the blocks planned for the south side of East Park street, between Main and Wyoming streets, are all carried through. This block is the eyesore of Butte. While the north side of the block has been well built up with fine brick blocks, division has not been able to gain a foothold on the south side of the street, where are little shacks utilized as dens for the lowest and worst of Butte's people. The intention now is to have the shacks now there moved to the bad lands one block further south and render Park street a purely business street.

The first start in the redemption of this block was made last fall with the erection of Jack Dowd's three-story brick block. Now Frank Jones has bought the lot next west of Dowd's and is having plans drawn for a block to be started there soon.

Then there is a syndicate which has bought the 84 feet east of Dowd's block, and they will build this year. They are trying to acquire the lots clear to Wyoming street, and if they do this block will be marvelously transformed and will be almost entirely brick, where now it is nearly all shacks.

Main street, too, is likely to be greatly changed this year. Besides the erecting of the new Hennessy block another new splendid block is contemplated on the west side of Main street, between Park and Broadway. Agents of W. A. Clark have for some time been negotiating for the Combination building, which will give ample room for the bank and for Clark's bank on the south, and the Clark-Nissler block, which adjoins the Combination on the south. These buildings have not yet been acquired, but if the negotiations go through the plan is to tear down Clark's bank, the Combination and the Nissler building and erect in their stead a splendid four or five-story block, which will give ample room for the bank and for stores on the ground floor, with offices, etc., above. It is one of the most desirable sites in town. While gambling was on the Combination could not be purchased, but it is said that it is now for sale, as Mr. Morehouse is going to the Klondike.

There is also a likelihood of a big block going up on the southeast corner of Main and Broadway, where the California brewery and the Union Pacific office are. Lienemann & Schmidt are said to be desirous of building if they can get a long enough lease from Fred Loeber, the owner of the lot, and John Noyes, who owns the Union Pacific building, will it is understood, be ready to go in with them on the new block. With three new blocks on Main street, Butte's new thoroughfare will be greatly recognizable.

The building this month is confined to dwelling houses, and very many of them are being erected. All mechanics do work at a better rate in winter, and small builders take advantage of the reduced rates to get the work done now instead of waiting until spring, when the mechanics will all have their hands full and wages will be high.

Don't Fail to Hear Him.
Rev. J. M. Cleary of Minneapolis, one of the most pleasing orators in the United States, will lecture in the Auditorium Sunday evening on "The Passion Play at Oberammergau" and on Monday evening "The Flag and the Cross, Church and Country." Don't fail to hear him. Butte should give a generous champion of the people's welfare a large-hearted welcome. He has been a consistent and courageous defender of the bimetallic cause and is a warm personal friend of William J. Bryan. Doors open at 7:30 o'clock. The lecture begins at 8:30 o'clock. Admission only 50 cents. A few choice musical selections will be given before the lecture each evening. Tickets for sale at Postoffice News stand and City News depot.

Another for Butte.
Butte is to have another paper, which will make his first appearance next Sunday. It will be devoted exclusively to theatrical and sporting affairs and will be published by A. E. Marshman, who has secured the rights in connection with the Argus. The new paper will be called The Stage. It will be illustrated and Mr. Marshman promises that it will be a credit to journalism.

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COTILLON IS POPULAR.
New Figure for the Dance of the Season Described.
A feature of the season's unusually general attention to dancing in Chicago is the revival of the cotillon, which this winter is the most popular of dances in society. The leader, whose reputation depends largely upon their ability to present an appearance as nearly as possible like the Apollo Belvedere in a dress suit are in strict training. To the cotillon leader who can invent new figures for the comic dances, that will be novel as well as pretty, goes the palm and the honor of winning applause where almost everyone is a star and the calcium light is impartially distributed. Nothing is ridiculous when suggested for the cotillon. The sight of grave men of business wearing eccentric headgear and dancing through corridors that belong by right to the inmates of an asylum for the insane is not regarded as at all out of place in a society ball room, whatever a stranger to the social whirl might think of the spectacle.

Many curious suggestions have been made for the cotillon that tend to show that this is to be a great cotillon year, but that which takes the lead for novelty is a figure that its designer calls "The Slavish Chain."
The lady upon whom falls the honor of taking the lead in the figure is presented with a long chain of gold, in which at intervals are fitted golden rings large enough to go over a man's head and encircle his neck. With this chain in her hand the lady begins a waltz of the ball room, while victims quake and tremble every time her glance falls upon them. Well is it for those who have secured partners before the lady of the golden chain comes her way. Never was a woman's protecting influence more sorely needed than at

this moment, for lonely and forlorn wanderers are powerless to escape from the chain. The first man the lady of the chain sees alone is attached by the passing of one of the rings over his head, and he is led away with mournful aspect, following his captor wherever she may choose to guide him. Presently another victim is captured and harnesses by the golden chain, and the procession winds its way through the ball room until every ring encircles a neck, and the lady who leads the line has as many men on her chain as the chain will hold.

Race Track and Stable Gossip

Berzak, the American colt that went lame after the Newmarket stakes at Newmarket, England, in which event he finished second to Galtee More, has recovered. He is wintering well at Newmarket, and, having recovered, will be one of the American handicap horses which will prove troublesome to the Britishers in the spring handicaps.

One of the best 2-year-olds at New Orleans is said to be a half-brother of Dorah Wood and Oman Wood, who raced in Butte and Anaconda last season.

The horse A. B. C. bids fair, according to reports from New Orleans, to figure in the courts. For the last two years the horse with the alphabetic appellation has been racing in the name of J. S. Brannon, but now comes A. M. Patrick, who claims that she has a bill of sale for the horse. Mrs. Patrick further claims that she let the parties that have been racing the mud hawk have him to handle for her, and that she has not any part of his earnings. She has put the matter into the hands of a New Orleans attorney, and a consultation has been had between said attorney and J. W. O'Neill, who is handling the horse for Brannon. Unless an amicable adjustment of the matter is made privately, the merits of Mrs. Patrick's claim will be decided in the courts.

The Coney Island Jockey club has received three additional entries for the Suburban handicap, namely: H. L. Frank's Senator Bland, 5 years; A. J. Stember & Co.'s Fleur de Lis, 4 years, and C. T. Boots' The Roman, 4 years. The total number of entries for the Suburban is 49. Additional entries have also been received for the June stakes, Great Trial stakes and the Double event. The total number of entries for the 18 events scheduled is 583, as compared with 499 last year. The Suburban starts in the handicap the Eastern cracker will know they have been to a "hoss race" when they reach the wire.

Ground has been broken for the new club house of the Coney Island Jockey club. The new structure will be half as large again as the present one, and, among other things, will contain a billiard room, will have jockeys' rooms, with lockers, needle baths, etc.

Hugh S. Maguire, owner of the truck horse Mazepa, has recovered \$12,454 from the New England Railroad company for the killing of Mazepa in a railway accident. Mr. Maguire sued for \$50,000. Truck horses come high.

The most coveted racing trophy in England is the Ascot gold cup, the Derby is the Blue Ribband of the turf, but the winning of the gold cup sets the seal of excellence on the victor. The contest for the Ascot classic this year will be an international one. Venezuela will represent Lord Roseberry and England; Galtee More, Mr. Gubbins and Ireland; St. Cloud and Trel, James R. Keene and America, and Aurum, Mrs. Langtry and Australia. The track is the most trying one in England, the weights are the most recognized scale ones, and speed and stamina are necessary requisites to enable the other competitors to see which way the winner goes. A Derby winner's career is not considered an entire success without the Ascot cup is included in his list of victories. Aurum, the Australian horse, which will represent the Jersey Lily in the race, is a 4-year-old, by Trenton, out of Aura. He was purchased by Mrs. Langtry with a view to winning the two-mile Melbourne cup last November. Though Aurum only secured third place in the big race, Mrs. Langtry threw in for a big stake, as she got 5 to 1 against him "to show."

The success of Irish bred horses was the most notable feature of the English racing season of 1897. As an immediate result of the success of the Irish bred horses materially advanced in Erin's green isle, and the breeding industry has been given a great impetus in the "ould durt."

Winkfield's triple victory—Derby, St. Leger and Two Thousand Guineas—would, of itself, have drawn attention to the Irish breed, and the great Irish champion was worthily seconded by Winkfield's Irish, Clorane and Victor Wild, all of whom first saw the light of day on the sister isle.

Winkfield's Pride was only once defeated during 1897. Not only did the well-named son of Winkfield beat the English at their own game, but he was sent over to France and vanquished all the best handicap horses of that country. When Diakka and Clorane came together in the Doveridge stakes, it was a contest of America against Ireland. Clorane conceded Diakka 25 pounds and gave Mr. Lorrillard's good colored handsome steed, America and Ireland met once again, when Victor Wild gave Sandia 42 pounds and a decisive licking. As a matter of fact, the Irish horses won in the sides of the American continent in many a race on the English turf during the season just brought to a close.

At a recent meeting of the American Turf Congress the application of Jockey Chevalier for reinstatement was refused. Sam Hildreth's Pansovannah is eligible to start in this year's St. Louis Derby. The following gossip is taken from a New York paper: There is an unusual number of race horses whose names are familiar to Eastern turf patrons racing in California this winter. Some of them are in California is due to the outbreak of yellow fever at New Orleans last summer, for many of them would have been bred at the Crescent City and their tracks had not their owners been frightened away. Among the eligibles for the Shreve cup, decided at the English meeting, were Eastern—Lanolin's Trolley, the old Keene filly, Tripping, Ed Purser's Cromwell, Roy Caruthers, Howard Mann, Covington & Kent's The Swain, Tom Griffin's Rubicon and T. M. Cronwell. Jim Murphy's Buck Massie and Virginia Bradley's Traverser, Howard Mann, it will be recalled, was claimed out of a selling race by Caruthers and G. E. Smith, his former owner, last July, in the same way to Tom Griffin. Howard Mann has been doing so well in California, where there is plenty of mud, which he likes, that Mr. Caruthers is thinking of leaving him there next summer with a view of fitting him for the winter stakes to be decided at Ingledeed and Oakland. Mr. Caruthers will have a rather interesting stable, principally of 2-year-olds, next year and will race in the East. He has the fast colt Petrel, which he bought from Jack Joyner last summer in California, with him. Petrel is also something of a mud horse, and it is likely that he will be left on the coast to keep Howard Mann company.

IT WAS FAR FROM GAY

Influenza Spoils the Festivities of William's Court.

A NEW LOAN NECESSARY

Its Announcement Created a Sensation. The Workmen's Rights of Coalition to Be Still Further Restricted. To Stop Strikes.

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Berlin, Jan. 22.—The court festivities of the week, including two which are usually the most imposing of the season, the decoration fete and the investiture of the Knights of the Red Eagle, were far from gay, owing to the absence of the empress and other princesses and the prevalence of influenza in court circles. The emperor himself, who is recovering from the influenza which he contracted at the coronation, was unable to attend the fete, and the number of decorations conferred was larger than ever before, the total being 2,009. The Vorwaerts remarks: "It is evident that the number of meritorious actions increases year by year."

Among those decorated were Baron von Thielmann, the minister for foreign affairs, and Count William Bismarck, both of whom received the star of the Red Eagle. His majesty also sent decorations to the high officers of the Prussian army, who were militarily educated in Prussia.

There is much comment in Berlin court circles at the news from Darmstadt of the matrimonial difficulties of the grand duke of Grand Duchess Louise. A fortnight ago there was a terrible scene between them, the trouble culminating, it is asserted, in the grand duke laying violent hands upon his wife and ejecting her from the room. The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha has been repeatedly appealed to by his daughter and letters of bitter complaints have been sent to Queen Victoria, who has the duke and her majesty, professing their inability to cure the trouble. The czarina, who was also approached on the subject, is said to side with her brother-in-law, the grand duke, and to be largely due to the national prejudice of Germans and English and vice versa.

The announcement of the minister of finance, Dr. Michael, on Wednesday that notwithstanding the increased tax receipts and the large surplus, new Prussian loans are necessary, has created a sensation. It is understood that the new loans will be largely used in providing the rolling stock of the roads.

The liberal left of the reichstag seems to have been right in assuming that Count Fodorowski's (the minister of the interior), means to further curtail the coalition rights of workmen. The inquiry instituted by him among the German state governments was the first move in that direction. It is intended to shape state legislation and practice in the different states uniformly, in such manner as to serve two purposes, namely, to render extended strikes more difficult and to enable the authorities to have a strict control over strike leaders and labor delegates, so as to gradually drive the latter out of the country. It would seem that the existing laws are not sufficient to meet the requirements from the fact that during the week a laborer was sentenced to a year in jail for the humiliation of a scab.

German emigration during 1897 was the lowest since 1874. It was only 23,210 persons, against 22,114 in 1896, and has steadily declined since 1893, when over 70,000 persons emigrated.

The colonial society has perfected an organization for sending young German women to Damara, with the view of marriage. The first batch sails from Hamburg in February.

Throughout the Prussian provinces a historical work of William I., entitled "Our Hero Emperor," which is greatly approved by the present emperor, is being peddled out by the thousands, and are securing thousands of subscriptions by intimidating farmers. Herr Richter next week in the diet will interpellate the government on the subject.

In the Prussian diet Count von Limburg Stirrum, discussing the budget, severely attacked the government for selling potassium from the state mines so cheaply to foreign countries and to the United States, which treats our product so unfairly.

A petition sent to the reichstag by the vintners' association asking for the abolition of the wine tax of 1885 states that the tax is a great detriment to honest wine growers, who cannot compete with the makers of artificial wine, costing \$2 per 25 gallons, and made of cheap material.

MAGIC WROUGHT BY RAIN.

Barren Australian Plains Suddenly Transformed.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.
The whole of the interior of Australia is not, as some people appear to think, a desert. It is traversed by river courses, such as the Burke, Darling and Warburton, all draining southward toward Lake Eyre.

Nothing could be more striking than the contrast between the dry and wet seasons, states Prof. Baldwin Spencer, who visited Central Australia on a scientific mission last year.

In the former, one travels mile after mile over bar, stony plains, with scarcely a sign of a plant or animal life. The soil beats down hotly on shining fields of brown and purple stones, crossed every now and then by thin bands of dreary looking mulka trees.

Such plants as there are comparatively few and far apart. As to the animals, they have to survive as best they can; ants, flies and grasshoppers exist in countless numbers, and afford food to lizards, and perhaps small marsupial rats and mice.

In the rainy season, which may only occur once in 18 months, everything is changed. From the highlands in the center, and from every rise of hills, the water rushes down in torrents. Vast areas, previously impassable by reason of drought, now become impassable from flood. Within a few hours the whole scene is changed. The water has covered the hard ground and countless animals have appeared.

Clay pans and water holes are noisy with the cracklings of frogs; crustaceans hatch out with wonderful rapidity from eggs which have lain on the dry ground for, it may be, many months; small mollusks buried in clay are released and every inhabitant of land and water sets to work to make the best of its short life.

The ground within a day or two is

green with the leaves of countless seedlings, which grow rapidly; birds appear as if by magic, and the once dry and silent country is now bright with flowers and foliage and animals, all decked out in their liveliest colors.

After perhaps a few days the rains cease and the waters quickly become confined to the river channels, scouring out holes here and there, where a small supply will remain for a time after the shallower parts have all dried up.

As the water disappears everything returns to its arid state, and it is only those animals and plants that have succeeded in reaching a sufficiently far advanced stage of growth that have any chance of surviving. The weavings among the plants are quickly killed off.

CHESTNUT USED AS FOOD.

Employed as a Substitute for Grain in Breadmaking in Europe.

From the National Druggist.
While the use of the chestnut as an article of food is very limited in this country, there are portions of Europe where the nut plays an important role in the diet of the poorer classes, being used as a substitute for the grains (wheat, rye, or barley), in breadmaking, and furnishing a very nourishing and palatable drink as well. It is also largely used as a dressing for game, meats, and fowls, among the better classes. The writer well remembers two or three repasts, or lunches, obtained at the cottages of the native mountaineers, while traveling on foot in the Apennines, in which stale chestnut bread and a cup of goat milk furnished the sole comestibles; but, with hunger as a sauce, and the mountain air as a sharpener of the appetite, these were wonderfully satisfying.

A Frenchman, Mr. Ballard, has recently published a study of the economic value of the chestnut in France, and from it we learn that the dry nut contains nearly as much nutritious matter as barley, with more fatty, but a trifle less phosphoric matter. France produces annually about 3,000,000 quintals (about 300,000 tons) of the nuts, and it is most popular. The chestnut, in fact, must play no unimportant part in the alimentation of the masses.

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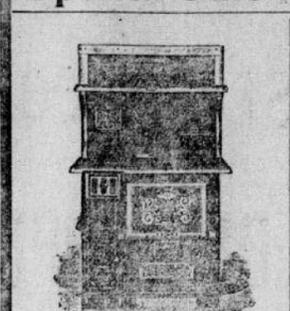
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