

BUTTE NEWS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Jennie Lucknash Is Granted a Decree of Divorce.

HUSBAND DESERTED HER

He Urged Her to Desert Their Three Children—Carl J. Smith Was Non-Suited—McCormick Wins His Suit Against the City.

Judge Lindsay yesterday heard the proofs in the divorce case of Jennie Lucknash against George Lucknash and granted a decree on the ground of desertion. The plaintiff testified that her husband left her about five years ago and that she did not know his present whereabouts. The last time she heard from him was about three years ago. At that time he was in Washington and wrote to her to leave their little children and desert them. He said he would live with her but did not want anything more to do with his children. Mrs. Lucknash declined to do as he had been supporting herself and children by hard labor. Her testimony was corroborated by Alderman Lejubratich.

Some time ago Carl J. Smith brought a suit in Justice Duche's court against Welch Bros. and Smeizer to obtain a judgment for \$21.26 balance due as purchase price of the Stockade saloon. A judgment was rendered against the defendants in the lower court from which they appealed, and the suit was tried in Judge Lindsay's court yesterday. It appeared from the evidence that William E. Riley sold the saloon business to the defendants and that part of the consideration was that Welch Bros. should pay a number of bills owing by Riley. The plaintiff Smith obtained an assignment to him of a number of creditors' claims against Riley and brought suit against Welch Bros. to enforce their payment. At the conclusion of the testimony for the plaintiff the defendant moved for a non-suit on the ground that if any such promise to pay the debts of Welch Bros. was made it was a special promise to answer for the debt of another, and there being no memorandum thereof in writing subscribed by the defendants or either of them, it was in violation of the statute of frauds. The court sustained the motion for a non-suit.

The case of John McCormick against the city of Butte was tried before the court, the jury having been waived. The suit was for the rent of a piece of ground on East Granite street used for the erection of a stable by the city. McCormick asked for \$9 a month from Oct. 1, 1896, to July 29, 1897, and for the value of the use of the land. Colonel Jenks, city building inspector, also testified, but declined to be sworn. He affirmed as to the contract he made with McCormick. The judge gave judgment to the plaintiff for \$5 a month.

The complaint in the mandamus suit of the city against County Treasurer T. R. Hinds was tried before the court. The city seeks to get possession of \$39,424.13 in special taxes collected from residents of the city but which the treasurer refuses to pay on the ground that the city is not entitled to the tax, as it had been unlawfully collected and should be paid back to the parties who paid it. Judge Lindsay issued an order to show cause why the mandamus should not be granted and set the matter for hearing next Wednesday morning.

A writ of review was issued by Judge Lindsay on the application of Attorney Wilson, who represented Maggie and Clara Wilson, defendants in six suits brought in Justice Murray's court in Walkerville by Eric Long, Thompson Brown, Andrew Donati, Eric Peterson, Peter Harris and E. O. Packard. The cases were set for trial on Wednesday last and Attorney Wilson appeared for the defendants, but he says the court would not permit him to enter an appearance and gave judgment by default against the defendants. Judge Lindsay will review the matter.

In the case of T. G. Heine against T. J. Lynde by consent a judgment was entered for \$50 in favor of the plaintiff and for costs of suit.

The justice court appeal case of M. C. Holland against August C. Meyer was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Barbara M. Harris yesterday brought suit against Watkins Jenkins for \$23.55 claimed to be due on a note.

Mr. Aubrey Holley of the Butte High school says he has been fitted with glasses by Dr. Dodd at the Owsley block which enable him to see a hundred per cent. better than ever before. He says he had been fitted by an oculist who used medicine which kept him blind for two weeks, but that Dr. Dodd used no medicine and he was not inconvenienced in the least by the examination. He can now study all night and is free from headache.

THE CASE CONCLUDED.

The School Trustee Contest Taken Under Adjudication.

The school trustee contest case was concluded before Judge Clancy yesterday morning and the court took the matter under advisement. In his closing argument Colonel Callahan paid his compliments to the patriot plaintiffs who, he said, came over the border to run the schools of Butte. Judge Harwood made the closing argument and the court said he would decide the matter as soon as possible. Judge Harwood suggested the likelihood of the case being taken to the supreme court and urged the advisability of an early decision in view of the fact that another school election will be held in April.

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Pompador Jim.

The stage of Maguire's opera house will hold forth on Sunday night James J. Corbett and his company, who will present here for the first time the four-act comedy-drama, "A Naval Cadet," written by Charles T. Vincent, of which the St. Paul Dispatch of Feb. 14 says: "The Corbett company, which opened a week's engagement at the Grand last night, is one of the best organizations to visit that playhouse this season. Generally when people attend the theatrical

performance in which such noted persons as Mr. Corbett appear, they do not expect anything more than a sight of the individual whose name is on the program. Grand last night got more; they were given an evening of enjoyable entertainment. Mr. Corbett walked on the stage with the bearing of a well-trained actor. His work, his gestures and his utterances were timely and clear, and his smile was one of the most winning ever seen. It won every one and that means a great deal. Miss Millie James, a daughter of the well-known tragedian, as Dolly Eaton, does some very pretty acting, and Miss Lillian Lamson, as Hortense Reynolds, the adventuress, is worthy a place in any first-class company. The scenery used was also very handsome, and take it all in all, the performance is one that any lady or child can witness and really enjoy." The sale of seats opens to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Clerk Richards Makes His Regular Monthly Statement.

The board of school trustees held their regular monthly meeting last night. The clerk, Richards, made his monthly statement showing the condition of the district's funds in February.

The receipts were as follows: Cash in treasury Feb. 1, \$38,539.96; received from text book fund Feb. 28, \$24,654.26; received from taxes, \$49.48; sales of books in January, \$19; Stringtown school house, \$575; outstanding warrants, \$2,119.63; total, \$65,422.71.

The disbursements were: Outstanding warrants Feb. 1, \$3,298.56; warrants issued in February, \$18,298.86; cash in treasury Feb. 28, \$43,726.29; total, \$65,422.71.

The arbitration committee which has under consideration the differences between Contractor Shackleton and the district was granted 10 days more in which to make a report. Mr. Shackleton, however, was not free to finish the slight in the assembly room of the new High school building according to specifications.

Supervising Architect O'Brien, who had been instructed to place a valuation on the two new buildings for the purpose of insurance made a report estimating the value of the High school building at \$75,000, although it cost the district near \$150,000, and the Greeley building at \$5,000. The board decided to insure the school furniture in the two buildings at about 75 per cent. of their actual value.

Miscellaneous bills to the amount of \$1,197.45 were allowed and ordered paid, also the janitors' pay roll for January, amounting to \$830. Architect O'Brien was paid \$250 on account.

ON THE MAIN LINE.

Anacoda Will Be a Terminus of the Great Northern.

The Great Northern Railway company is about to inaugurate a scheme to place Anacoda on the main line of that road by running its through trains from St. Paul to Anacoda. The idea was first suggested by Major Dawson, the general agent of the company in Butte, and action in the matter is doubtless hastened by the fact that the Northern Pacific, beginning on Sunday, will run its trains through to Anacoda and make that city the starting point for all its trains.

The Great Northern will most likely begin running its through trains to Anacoda to-morrow and the first Great Northern train will probably start from Anacoda Saturday night and the train arriving in Butte at 3:30 in the morning will run on to that city. The Great Northern will, if the plans are perfected, use the tracks of the Butte, Anacoda & Pacific, and what effect, if any, the new arrangement will have on the B. & P. trains is not known. Mr. Ward, the new superintendent of the Great Northern, went over to Anacoda to consult with Mr. Donahoe of the B. & P. and a complete arrangement has been returned to Butte last night without having closed the matter. It will probably be done to-day, and as after to-morrow Anacoda will be something of a railroad center itself.

ONE WEEK OFF.

The Union Family Theater Will Be Closed Till March 14.

The Union Family theater will be closed next week, reopening Monday, March 14, with an entire new stock company composed of the best talent obtainable. The stock company will be confined strictly to Anacoda, and will devote all its time to the preparation of first-class productions. During the season several up-to-date traveling companies will make their appearances in latest successes. It is Manager Sutton's intention to give the people of Anacoda first-class performances in other cities in Montana. The opening now being organized will play in Anacoda only, and when the house is taken by a traveling company the home company will play in Great Falls and other cities in Montana. The opening play will be "Kittie O'Connor," an Irish drama of unusual merit, depicting life as it is in Ireland. In addition to the drama, Little Miss Butte, a society belle of Butte, will make her appearance in pleasing songs, short skits and a cultured little lady with a phenomenal voice for one so young, and the critics of Butte predict for her a great future. Mr. Sutton has secured a competent stage director, and in future all plays will be produced with great care and attention.

No Protests Yet.

As yet no protests, aside from a few personal complaints at the expense involved, have been entered against the proposition to pave the remainder of the principal streets of the city. The mayor and aldermen are beginning to hope that objections will not delay going ahead with the work as soon as spring opens. It is rather too early, however, for formal objections to be filed, as the hearing of objections does not occur until the 16th, the next meeting of the council, and it is not at all improbable that numerous property owners on the streets to be paved will find reasons for objection and file them before that time.

A Crowded House.

"Miss Philadelphia" was played to a crowded house at the Metropolitan last night, and the audience went away well pleased with the enjoyable musical comedy. Joe Cawthorn was among friends and received a royal reception. As William Penn, Jr., furnishes in his own droll way a great part of the fun and general entertainment in the play, Alvia Crox Seabrooke also carried much of it. She sings sweetly, acts well and looks most attractive. Jessie Villars as the Quaker aunt, won some of the great applause given during the evening for her clever comedy work. William West plays a good part as Old William Penn. Lillie Collins, the hood-black quartette and others added to the excellence of the performance. "Miss Philadelphia" is a clever musical farce comedy, clever, bright and sparkling. It has good specialties, good singing, handsome women. It is well staged, the scenery being special, the costumes pretty and on the whole it is a delightful thing. It will run the remainder of the week with a Saturday matinee.

To the Public.

Ralph Free, having left my employ, he has no authority to collect any moneys or transact any business for the Troy Steam Laundry. John Yank, proprietor, Troy Steam Laundry.

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Governor Smith Defends the State Land Office.

REPLIES TO CRITICISMS

It is Charged That the State Board of Land Commissioners Were Negligent in Their Duty—The Mouthing of a Noisy Press.

Governor Smith sends the Standard the following letter in regard to strictures made by some Montana newspapers:

"To the Editor of the Anaconda Standard: I notice in recent issues of the Helena Independent, the Inter Mountain and the Rocky Mountain Husbandman, certain editorials or strictures upon the report of the state land register, and criticizing his statements in an open letter to the Husbandman. The Inter Mountain even went so far as to charge that the state board of land commissioners were negligent in their duty in selecting grazing lands instead of agricultural lands. All of these papers assert without qualification that there is an abundance of agricultural lands surveyed and ready for selection in the state of Montana. The truth of this statement depends entirely upon what may be classified as agricultural lands. The classification of agricultural lands as fixed by the state board of land commissioners is such land as can be easily irrigated and brought under cultivation by the expenditure of an ordinary amount for an irrigation plant, such as the individual effort of the farmer is sufficient to command. There is no question but what there are large areas of valuable bench lands, which if irrigated, would be the most productive agricultural lands, but their situation is such that the present time they cannot be irrigated or reclaimed except by the expenditure of large sums of money ranging from \$50,000 and upwards for an irrigation plant.

PASSED IN BOND.

Every State in the Union Has Contributed Its Share of Traffic.

Washington, March 3.—In view of the numerous inquiries by members of congress and others and the increasing interest in the subject, the treasury department has prepared a comprehensive statement showing the amount of domestic merchandise of the United States, which, during the calendar year 1897, passed through Canada in bond for the coming annual trade, 154,135 tons. The statement shows that the law authorizing these shipments is in no sense local in its application to points on the Canadian frontier. On the whole, the United States and territory in the union has contributed to the totals in one or both directions.

The amount of domestic merchandise of the United States so shipped during the year is shown to have been 5,351,350 tons, requiring for its transportation 44,875 cars. The merchandise is classified as follows: Agricultural products, 2,990,373 tons; animal products, 1,143 tons; product of mines, 665,761 tons; products of forests, 255,987 tons; manufactures, 844,900 tons; miscellaneous, 289,173 tons.

Had Nothing to Do With It.

Washington, March 3.—In response to a resolution recently passed concerning the reasons why the navy department had shipped certain machinery from the Niles tool works at Hamilton, Ohio, to the Mare Island navy yard via the Canadian Pacific, the secretary of the navy to-day sent to the senate a communication stating that the department had purchased some machinery from the Niles Tool works, but that no contract had been entered into with the department for the shipment of it. As a matter of fact, the department had nothing to do with the shipment of the machinery.

A Favorable Report.

Washington, March 3.—The senate committee on public buildings and grounds to-day made a favorable report on the following amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill: Extending the limit of the cost of the public buildings at St. Paul to \$250,000; extending the limit of the cost of the buildings at Stockton, Cal., to \$150,000; and appropriating \$50,000 for the purchase for a site for a public building at Butte, Mont.

The Fort Hill Treaty.

Washington, March 3.—The secretary of the interior sent to the senate the treaty negotiated with the Indians on the Fort Hill tract of reservation in Idaho. The cession embraces 418,560 acres, 45,000 of which is susceptible of cultivation and includes the site of the town of Pocatello, which had been previously sold by the Indians.

Montana Postoffices.

Washington, March 3.—Montana postoffices have been established at Albright, Cascade county; William H. Albright postmaster, and Glenwood, Broadwater county, Richard H. Clendenin postmaster.

An Adverse Report.

Washington, March 3.—The senate committee on commerce to-day decided by an unanimous vote to report adversely the nomination of Henry Dejeans to be naval officer at New Orleans.

Ready for the Jury.

Helena, March 3.—The evidence in the case of Stadler and Kaufman vs. the First National bank of Butte, which has been on trial for several days, was summed up to-day by respective counsel, Judge Smith will charge the jury and give them the case in the morning.

Committed Suicide.

Chicago, March 3.—Thomas Gault, at one time general agent of the Wabash system with headquarters at Omaha, and brother of John C. Gault, the railway magnate, committed suicide to-day by shooting himself. The deed is attributed to temporary insanity, resulting from long-continued illness.

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