

Local News.

From the Daily of Tuesday. The District court dismissed 116 cases during the September term.

Mattie Hill paid her fines in three cases of drunk and disorderly yesterday.

Our streets are enlivened daily by excellent music, discoursed by the Nello Boyd brass band.

A gentleman of this city who has the stamps is anxious to wager that Magnin's will be elected by 1,000 majority.

Captain Shepherd's petition for aid in the erection of a liberty pole on the public school grounds, came up before the City Council last night and was laid on the table.

A complimentary excursion will be tendered the citizens of Deer Lodge and Butte, by Engineer Bickendorfer, before he turns the road over to the operating department.

The tonsorial artist, Mr. Smith, who formerly held a chair under the tank, has opened a shop on West Park street, adjoining C. D. Hansen & Co's., where he will be glad to see his friends.

The grave digger at the cemetery gives the following statistics of persons buried there who have met with unnatural deaths: Number of suicides' graves, 30; killed by accident, 21; murdered 7.

An accommodation train between Deer Lodge and Silver Bow Junction will be run until further notice by Contractor O'Neil. It will leave Deer Lodge at 3 p. m. each day and return at 8 p. m. Fare to or from Butte, \$3.00.

Louis Gregory tried his hand at highway robbery Saturday night, but was unfortunate in the victim selected—a Chinaman without a cent—and in being immediately arrested and locked up. He thinks the highway robbery business don't pay.

Dr. J. W. Culbertson, eye, ear and orthopedic surgeon of the Central Surgical Infirmary of Indianapolis, Ind., will arrive in Butte today, and remain until Monday the 23rd inst. The Doctor will be found at the Mount Vernon House, West Broadway, white here.

The Brush Electric Light Company have made arrangements for power to run forty lights, and will commence the erection of the electric light wire immediately. The wire was shipped from Denver yesterday, and it is expected the city will be illuminated by electric light within thirty days.

An agent of Pat O'Neal, the Utah & Northern railroad contractor is employing mechanics and laborers to work on the Utah & Northern extension. The headquarters are at Gus Heins' saloon, corner Main and West Park streets. The wages paid are for laborers \$2 per day and found, for mechanics \$3.50 and \$4.00. Thirty men had signed the contract agreeing to go to the front upon these terms.

We were shown yesterday a specimen of surface coal from the head of Deer Lodge Valley, about eighteen miles from this city. The specimen has all the appearance of a good quality of coal, and Mr. W. R. H. Edwards, who discovered the vein, says it is three feet thick from the grass roots down. The vein has been uncovered only a short distance below the surface, but the white sand walls and other indications show it to be a true vein.

The Boyd Company will be followed at Renshaw Opera House next week by "The Macarthy's," under the management of Harry Macarthy, the Arkanaw comedian. The troupe are highly spoken of by the southern press, the company having been organized in the south and played principally to southern houses, though their travels have been extensive in the Northern States and portions of Europe. They will doubtless play to good business during their engagement at the Opera House.

Route Agent Read, running on the postal car between Butte and Ogden, met with a serious and almost fatal accident at Spring Hill Monday. He was on the down train, from which he got off before it stopped moving. The up train arriving at the same time he was knocked under the wheels of the down train by mail matter being thrown from the other train. His scalp was laid bare to the skull and the flesh about his shoulder and shoulder blade badly lacerated.

Pat Flemming imbibed a different kind of tangefoot and answered to a charge of profane and obscene language. He pleaded guilty to the soft impeachment, and was fined \$5 and costs; whereupon, his exchequer being in a depleted condition, he was marched off to jail.

Taylor McCanna was charged with a simple drunk, devoid of frills or embellishment, and the "licker" being of a pretty good quality, he was let off with \$1.00 and costs. Impudently also compels him to remain a guest of the city for a few days.

Dan McBride pleaded guilty to using bad language and making an assault upon a companion, for which he contributed \$5.00 and costs to the city treasury.

The Oregon Short Line. The following telegram explains itself: POCATELLO, Idaho, Oct. 15. TO THE MINER: The first train over the Oregon Short Line reached this point this evening from the East. A party of railroad people will arrive here tomorrow and proceed to the end of the track, and from there into Wood River by private conveyance.

Highway Robbery. About eight o'clock Sunday evening as Dick Shackel, a case keeper at King & Lowry's, was walking on west Broadway near Washington, he was suddenly seized by the arm and throat, and thrown backward to the ground. At first he supposed himself to be the victim of a rough joke, at the hands of some friend, and he remonstrated against the rough treatment, but as the grip tightened upon his throat and a determined voice said, "Come, give up what you've got," Shackel concluded his assault meant business, and produced a ten dollar bill which the highwayman took and ran away Mr. Shackel didn't stop to see which way he went, but says he was a large powerfully built man with dark complexion.

Palace of Park Street.

A Blaze of Park Street. The Blaze Restaurant a Total Loss—Other Property Damaged.

About nine o'clock last night a fire broke out in the Palace Restaurant on West Park street, kept by Joel Wadley. The building is a joint frame, and before the fire brigade could reach the spot with their hose carts, the entire building was enveloped in flames. The MINER reporter happened to be passing at the time the fire broke out and he observed that from the time the alarm was given until the fire brigade had a stream playing upon the flames, was just four minutes, and another stream was started almost immediately after. The fire was under control in so short a time that the damage by fire was entirely confined to the building where the fire originated. The building is owned by J. Lavalle who sustains a loss of \$1,600 to \$2,000. Insurance not ascertained. Joel Wadley loses his entire stock and the furniture of the Palace Restaurant. He estimates his loss at \$1,400. Insurance, \$750. The adjoining room on the west, which is part of the Lavalle property, was occupied by "Helena babies" ball game. The babies were safely removed, and the proprietor means but trifling loss. Adjoining the burned building on the east was the office and apartments of Dr. Wm. Todd, who meets with a slight loss by heavy damage, but is likely to prove a heavy loser by thievery. Dr. Todd and his wife had retired for the night, and upon hearing the alarm and realizing the close proximity of the danger, rushed out of the house leaving a portmanteau on the bureau, containing \$50 in money, and jewelry including a diamond ring with twenty-two stones, the whole valued at \$1,500. Upon returning to the room the portmanteau and contents had disappeared. Sherwood's coffee and lunch stand adjoining Dr. Todd's office, on the east was for a time the scene of great confusion. Soon after the alarm, and when Mr. Sherwood and his friends were straining every nerve to get the furniture and stock to a place of safety, an entire steam-gauge rushed in, and raising a coal oil lamp from one of the tables, deliberately threw it upon the floor. The lamp broke into a thousand pieces, the oil ignited and the flames from the burning oil leaped nearly to the ceiling. Mr. Sherwood threw a number of table cloths onto the flames and by dint of vigorous stamping smothered the fire. His loss is trifling, being about \$100 by damages from water and breakage. It is exceedingly fortunate that it was a calm night, had the high wind, which has recently prevailed, been blowing, nothing could have saved the entire wooden row in which the fire originated.

THE TERRITORIAL NEWS. Called from the Columns of Our Exchange.

This year's assessment of the property of Lewis and Clark county foots up \$3,713,700.

The Flynn, Boullis and Jocko, have been shipped from Helena to Salt Lake City, where they will winter. The salists of the center state had better look out for them at the spring meeting.

Sheriff McKean, of Gallatin county, offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of George King, who was killed in Bridger canyon on the 31st of last July.

Although the season was quite favorable a large number of farmers in the valley were caught a week late in harvesting their crops, and the bad weather has kept them back. Unless good weather succeeds there will be considerable crop loss.

Dugan, the defuncting military telegraph operator, who was recently captured at Glendive, has made his escape from the guard house at Fort Ellis. Squads of soldiers are out, searching for him and a reward is offered, but as yet, no clue to his whereabouts has been obtained.

The monument to the soldiers and citizens who fell at the battle of Big Hole, where Chief Joseph was so gallantly attacked in 1877, has been shipped from the east and is now on the way to Montana. It is described as a substantial and suitable piece of work, elaborately inscribed with the historical facts connected with the engagement with the Nez Percés, and the roll of honor of those who fell on the field.

The Cree Indians on the eastern border of the Territory have been evincing a marauding disposition. Last Monday a party of the Redskins visited Rutherford's ranch at 8 mile creek and compelled the inmates to cook for them. In talking to an Indian woman, who was employed at the ranch they said they were after the Pelgans for the purpose of stealing their horses but added they would take any horses they could find.

The following has been sent to the *Wheatland* by Messrs. John Jacobs and Avery Stought: "While traveling through from Fort Magin, we came across a man lying dead out on the prairie, and he must have been dead a day or two from his appearance. On his person was found an envelope addressed to E. E. Johnson, and a letter postmarked White Sulphur Springs; also \$600, which we took. We wrapped him up in a blanket and buried him as decently as possible. If you know any of his friends please let them know, and write to us at Coulton, on the Yellowstone. He was a man about six feet high, dark complexion, and very stout built. We came across him behind the Black Butte and Big Bend of the Musselshell. Please put his name in your paper, so if he has any friends they will hear of it."

The facilities provided for ventilating the Opera House have been brought into question, a MINER reporter yesterday made an examination of the building. It was found that in building the Opera House Mr. Renshaw had paid special attention to the two most important features of a place of amusement; where large audiences congregate; ventilation and ready egress from the hall. All the doors open from the inside, so that the exit of a crowd, in case of panic could not be obstructed by the closing of any avenue of escape. The provision for ventilation seems to be most complete. The building is entirely isolated on the northern and southern exposures. Taking advantage of this fact Mr. Renshaw has provided six large windows on the northern and four on the southern exposure, which when open create a strong current of air through the hall. In addition to this means of ventilation a trap sky-light window is provided at the apex of the dome by which a counter current of air may be obtained; and that the stage may be supplied with pure air, another ventilator has been placed in the roof, behind the proscenium and over the stage. Both of these ventilators are so arranged that they may be opened and closed at will, and it is estimated that in winter time the temperature of the hall can be raised or lowered 30 degrees in ten minutes time, by opening or closing the ventilators.

That Highway Robbery. Upon examination in the Police Court of Louis Gregory, charged with an attempt to rob a Chinaman last Monday, it appeared that all the elements of highway robbery were lacking in the case. It seems that the heathen and Gregory are both employed by the same firm and that Monday was pay-day. They both drew their pay and affiliated together at a neighboring saloon until both were somewhat inebriated. The heathen owned the bar \$1.50, payment of which he seemed inclined to shirk. Gregory insisted upon immediate payment and John said, "me no pay," and left the house, followed by Gregory, who, upon catching up with him near Lavell's lumber yard, adopted forcible measures to enforce the payment of the bill at the saloon. There was no evidence to substantiate the charge that a deadly weapon or any other kind of a weapon was drawn or used, and the court decided the case was a simple drunk and disorderly and assessed the fine at \$10 and costs, which were paid by Gregory and he was released from custody.

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THE PARK STREET FIRE.

Are the Five Boys Frying Their Devilish Trade in Butte.

Conjecture was rife yesterday as to the origin of the fire on Park street. The material evidence all confirm the fact that the fire originated with the building occupied by the Palace Restaurant, and from the fact that the flames were found in good condition after the fire, it is safe to conclude that the fire originated below the ceiling of the one-story building. Many theories have been advanced as to how the fire could start in this location; a match thrown down and smoldering in the rubbish, a coal from the stove, or a lamp hot burning and exploded after the attendants had gone to bed, but the most generally accepted theory among those who had the fire under observation is that the fire was started by an incendiary. In support of this theory the facts are presented, that the presence of a gang of roughs was evident from the first alarm. The policeman on the beat fired two shots from his revolver, to attract a crowd to fight the fire, his two shots were immediately answered by half a dozen shots in the immediate vicinity of the Palace restaurant. When the second hose cart had connected their hose and were about to turn the water on at the fire plug, it was found that some miscreant had disconnected the hose—afterward a man was prevented from cutting the hose with an axe. The attempt to use Sherwood's Chop House by a ruffian who dashed a burning coil oil lamp to the floor, and the robbery of Doctor Todd's office, are facts cited to prove that the fire was the work of a gang of incendiaries whose object was plunder. Where the origin of a fire is shrouded in mystery there is always more or less conjecture and suspicion. The most plausible theory in this case seems to be that a coil lamp, left burning low, in the kitchen exploded and the oil fell on, set the paper lining of the wall on fire, which soon burst forth in flames through the skylight.

Two Desperados Hanged From the Bridge at American Falls.

A Chinaman was killed at American Falls, Idaho, last week, while asleep in his tent. On last Sunday night the following incidents transpired there, as reported by the Ogden Pilot of the 14th instant: "Two desperados, known as Johnson and Tex, had been looting around that part of the country during the summer and had incurred the enmity of the law-abiding citizens, a number of whom resolved to run them out of the town. They were waited upon and given until 8 o'clock Sunday night to leave. Suspicion rested upon them of having murdered the Chinaman who was found dead in his cabin Sunday morning. They responded to the citizens' demand to leave by saying that they would not; that there were not men enough at American Falls to make them leave, and thereupon began to shoot into the crowd. The citizens then procured guns and returned the fire, and the desperados fled across the Snake river, threatening to return and clean out the town. Returning, they met the night watchman who told them that they would be hanged. They then fired three shots at him without effect. He replied with his revolver and wounded Johnson three times, once in the arm, once in the body and once in the hand. Tex then ran up and tried to kill the night watchman, who having exhausted his ammunition, grappled with and thrown him down. At this juncture the citizens arrived on the ground, seized the two desperados and putting ropes around their necks, hanged them from the Oregon Short Line bridge over Snake river. The bodies were cut down three hours afterwards and buried by the citizens."

Railroad Racket.

October 4th, Northern Pacific stock was quoted as follows: Common, 40; preferred, \$51.

It takes 20,116 locomotives, which cost \$164,459,000, to haul us around on the railroads of the United States.

A large force of men and teams are at work on the Northern Pacific grade north of Helena. The grade is now nearly finished between Helena and Bedford.

About the middle of this month the Bismarck railroad bridge over the Missouri river will be formally opened for traffic. Ten engines will be placed on the bridge as a test of its strength.

L. A. Dakin, master mechanic of the Utah & Northern railway company, has removed his residence from Silver Bow to Deer Lodge. The buildings were first put up at Blackfoot, moved then to Eagle Rock, then to Silver Bow and now to Deer Lodge.

The Boseman tunnel is in the mountain at the west end about forty-five feet, while the rock remains the same, and work is being done to much better advantage than heretofore. Rapid progress is being made in the long cut on the east side of the range, and will soon be completed to the heading.

The New North-West says: The Utah & Northern bridge builders, having completed the work to and from Deer Lodge, have started in on the extension to Little Blackfoot. O'Neal & Cassey's little boys are awaiting the road from Warm Springs here, and will be occupied at that nearly a week longer, after which they will resume track laying to Little Blackfoot. There is only a little over a mile of grading to complete between the lower crossing of the Deer Lodge and Little Blackfoot, and as there are some thirty men and teams still remaining on the work, which is principally a light fill, it will not take long to complete the grade.

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UTROCH LAW IN IDAHO.

City Council.

At their meeting last night, the Council passed the tax levy ordinance, which levies a tax of three mills on the dollar for general administration purposes.

The matter of condemning a portion of Utah street for a site upon which to build a hose house was not taken up, but a resolution was passed authorizing the Mayor to lease for a term of four months one half of the new building belonging to E. F. Kingsbury, on Upper Main near Quartz street, for a hose and truck house. The resolution provides that the lease shall be made with a provision that the city may purchase at a valuation of \$1,500, and that any rent paid shall apply on the purchase money.

District Court.

The term of the District Court which terminated last Monday, was notable in the fact that more business was disposed of in the same length of time than at any previous term in the history of Montana. The session continued from September 18th to October 18th, inclusive. The calendar embraced 61 civil and 24 criminal cases. 116 cases were finally disposed of. There were six convictions in criminal cases, and four jury trials. 63 judgments and decrees were entered and 41 civil cases dismissed, leaving only 69 cases of all classes to go over to the next term, many of these are in process of settlement and the calendar for next term will be comparatively free from continued cases.

A Great Bill.

At the Theatre Comique on Friday evening next a testimonial on behalf of the opera house, will be tendered to the popular favorites, Kay and Thompson and Rosa Howard and Millie Thomas, on which occasion, in addition to the usual strength of the company, will appear ten volunteers, amateur and professional. The afterpiece will be "The Mormon," or "Life in Salt Lake," a side-splitting comedy that has had a prodigious run wherever produced. The evening's entertainment will be the greatest bill ever brought out at this popular place of amusement.

Renshaw Opera House.

Augustine Daly's great romantic and historic play "Leah the Forsaken," was presented last night by the Nello Boyd Dramatic Company. Miss Boyd, in the title role, displayed the high order of histrionic talent requisite for the impersonation of the forsaken Leah, and the delineation of the most intense emotions of the human heart, which the character calls out. The crowded house evinced a high appreciation of the excellent presentation of the difficult drama, by frequent applause. To-night the great Parisian sensation "Cyprie" the adventures will be presented.

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A good house and enthusiastic greeting was given Miss Boyd in the Parisian sensation, "Coralie," the adventures. To-night the company will present the historic drama, "Lactia Bergia."

The Alice shipped five bars of bullion yesterday valued at \$7,610.

The Hibernians at Walkerville announced in an advertisement published in to-day's MINER, a grand ball to be given at their new hall in Walkerville on November 24, with a first-class supper at Mrs. Stacks popular caravansary.

The A. O. U. W. announce an anniversary ball on the 31st inst. The names of gentlemen composing the various committees, as published in another column, give ample assurance that the ball will be the event of the season.

By a notice published in to-day's MINER, a meeting of the Amy and Silvermith trustees is called for Thursday evening. Business of importance is expected to come before the meeting and a full attendance is desired.

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DAY DISPATCHES.

An Explanation About Bowen.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Henry A. Bowen, who was arrested in Philadelphia to-day for beating the Great Western Hotel in the person who has obtained notoriety recently in connection with the charges of the bribery of jurors in the Star Route trial. The impression has been created that Bowen is a man employed by the Department of Justice in some capacity in relation to the Star Route cases. The fact that he has never had the slightest connection directly or indirectly with these cases is thus shown. About the middle of August last, Bowen presented himself to the Attorney General bringing a letter from the Secretary of War in which Mr. Lincoln stated that Bowen was his personal friend and that he, the Secretary, desired a favorable consideration of the matters in which Bowen would speak. Bowen wanted to be appointed an agent of the Government to investigate the charges that had been made in relation to the Indians in Arizona. The Department of Justice has invariably deferred to the War Department in the matter of Bowen's appointment of officers for duty in connection to matters relating to that department. The Attorney General had Bowen's committee employed started for Arizona, but after he reached his post and before he had entered upon the performance of his duties, the true character of the adventurer was ascertained and he was removed on the 11th of September. Bowen's affidavit contains a statement that Bowen was employed as an agent for the Government, to investigate the charges against the Indians in Arizona. The Department of Justice has invariably deferred to the War Department in the matter of Bowen's appointment of officers for duty in connection to matters relating to that department. 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