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Local News.

From the Daily of Sunday

H. P. Napton, of Deer Lodge, is spending a few days in the city.

Another skating carnival at the Pavilion on the night of the 5th prox.

All five dollar commutation tickets will be refused for admission to the Pavilion on and after April 21.

Rev. L. L. Wood will tell us what species of the grate "sham" family we belong to, at the Presbyterian church to-morrow night.

C. W. Berry, Sheriff of Missoula county, arrived in the city Friday night, having brought an insane patient from Missoula to Warm Springs.

The Misses Deering & Cobb will move their military establishment to A. W. Bernard's new brick building on West Granite street early this week.

Now is the time when the average Butte bell wears traces of care upon her fair brow, as she digests the plans and specifications of a new spring tonnet.

Dugald McNaughton, of Eureka, who is well known to many former Nevadans now residing here, suicided by shooting himself at the Albion mine on the 18th instant.

There are shams and shams, and Rev. L. L. Wood will tell us all about them in his inimitably humorous manner at the Presbyterian church to-morrow night.

Goldsmith & Co. have placed two highly ornate hatching posts in front of their store, both of which bear the legend "Clothing" painted in the most attractive style of the painters' art.

A MINER reporter met Dave Cusick on the street to-day and was surprised to find him not only feeling first-rate, but bearing very slight evidences of his terrific battle with Ben Arthur.

Among the avalanche of recent fire escape inventions, a Butte benedict proposes the boss. There is nothing intricate about his invention, he simply lays about until his wife gets up and makes it.

The Helena stage road is said to be in fearful condition, and the coaches have no sure thing of getting through on the day they start from here. Last Thursday's coach failed to make the connection at Boulder.

Work has been commenced in removing the debris from the ruins of E. L. Bonner & Co.'s property on West Granite street, preparatory to the erection of a large brick structure which will extend to the corner of Main street.

Miss McAuliffe, though scarcely more than a little girl, skates like a zephyr—BUTTE MINER. We have zephyr skaters in Eureka, and we have "old boreases," too.—Eureka Sentinel. We did not refer to a "wash" zephyr.

Thomas W. Catlin, school superintendent of Deer Lodge county, gives notice in the *New Northwest* that he will hold a public examination of the teachers, for county certificates, at the school house in Deer Lodge, on Saturday, March 31st.

The premonitions of storm which have been abundant for a week last evening in a flurry of snow and a falling of the mercury yesterday, which was just enough storm to remind us that in other parts of the country they have what are called equinoctial storms.

John Caplice & Co. now have one of the most extensive retail stores in the city. Their new boot, shoe and furnishing goods establishment has been connected by a rear passage way with the large grocery and provision house, and the two now constitute a model mercantile establishment.

Shams.

Religious shams—society shams—professional shams—business shams. Lecture by Rev. L. L. Wood, of Helena, at the Presbyterian church to-morrow night.

MINING TALK.

What is Being Done at the Mines—Shipments of Bullion.

Resumption of Active Operations at the Bell.

As a rule the mining operations of the past week may be characterized as active. While several smaller mines were shut down for repairs and the Dexter mill stopped for a clean up and general overhauling of machinery, the principal mines and mills, like the Moulton, Alice, Lexington, Silver Bow and Shonbar, were running with their accustomed regularity and producing their regular output.

The bullion shipments of the week fell below the high average which was maintained during January and February, but amounted to a total output of \$79,568, which may be considered a very fair weekly output.

The shipments are credited as follows: Lexington, \$36,208; Alice, \$21,890; Donnell, Clark & Larabee (Moulton), \$12,625; First National Bank (Silver Bow), \$9,458.

THE BELL.

No property in the camp has stood higher in local estimation than the Bell, and no event could have created a deeper sensation in mining and business circles here than did the closing down of the Bell works last fall, since which time the progress of suits pending against the company has been watched by the entire community with an interest measured only by the universality hope that the splendid property might be wrested from the clutches of the law and again become one of the great producing mines of Summit valley. The MINER is now able to announce that the last suit pending against the mine and smelter has been settled, that the most active and thorough operations are being prosecuted at the mine and that as soon as the new three compartment shaft is connected with the old workings so that a sufficient supply of ore is assured, the smelter on the flat will again be started up full blast.

The work being done at the mine is of the most thorough and scientific character. A MINER reporter visited the mine yesterday and found the greatest activity prevailing in every department. The yard is strewn with timbers, which a large force of carpenters are engaged in shaping into sets for the new shaft, which is being pushed toward China at the rate of three sets every two days.

To a mining man's eye the new shaft is a thing of beauty; descending straight as plumb-line 130 feet from the surface, its clean line and heavy timbers presenting the uniform appearance of a fine piece of bridge work. The plan of the new work, is to sink to the 400 foot station, and cross-cut from there to a point 60 feet north directly under the old workings, which will be reached by an upraise. This plan will enable the company to prospect below and at the same time tap the two rich veins which are known to exist in the 240 foot east and west drift of the old workings. These ore bodies have been thoroughly developed, and are uncovered for a distance of over 400 feet along the bottom of the 240 foot east and west drift, and from them some of the richest ore ever found in the camp has been extracted. The ore lays in two well developed veins separated by from three to five feet of vein matter. One of the veins is shipping ore averaging 40 per cent copper and carrying 60 ounces of silver, the other vein three feet wide carries from 20 to 24 per cent copper and 27 to 30 ounces silver. A winz from the 240 has been sunk 45 feet on the veins which were found to hold out to that depth. The cross cut from the 400 new shaft will tap this ore body about 100 feet below the 240, and when connection has been made and stoping is commenced in the upraise, it is believed that from 75 to 100 tons of ore can be taken out daily to feed the two blasts of the smelter, which will then be started up with a full force of men. The smelter is being placed in perfect repair and will be fired up within the next 60 days. About \$40,000 worth of wood and \$20,000 worth of coke are stacked up at the smelter, and 3,000 tons of ore is on the dump, for the reduction of which the works may be started up a week or two before commencing to haul new ore from the mine.

ANACONDA.

The big San Fran Co. are doing splendid work on top, and it is safe to conclude that their work below ground is fully as thorough, though the privilege has not been accorded the MINER's mining man of inspecting the workings underground further than he could see from the top of the big shaft. It is said that the six and seven hundred have been opened up, and that recent explorations have developed even better ore and larger bodies than those heretofore reported. Haggin and Tevis are thorough mining men and careful operators, and it is not believed they would make the immense expenditures which are making the Anaconda the best equipped mine in the camp, unless they had ample evidence of the size and permanency of the ore bodies in the mine. The extensive west wing of the shaft house which was intended to contain the Cornish pump, has been transformed into a most complete machine shop, since it became apparent that the volume of water in the mine was not sufficiently large to necessitate using the pump. An east wing has been built the same size as that on the west, and will be used as a carpenter shop. Work has been commenced on a large blacksmith shop.

THE MOULTON.

The mine is looking well, and is in better shape to be handled to the best advantage than ever before. The stopes of the 200 and 300 are yielding their regular output, the ore houses are full, and the 40 stamps of the mill are dropping steadily. The strike re-

ported last week in the new air shaft holds out in good shape, both as to size and grade.

THE ALICE PROPERTIES.

At the Alice about twenty tons per day are hoisted from the recent strike in the 100 south. The ore is free milling and averages 50 ounces. The 700 winz has reached a depth of 60 feet and shows a continuous ore body assaying 45 ounces.

THE MAGNA CHARTA.

Owing to the breaking of a spur wheel no ore was hoisted yesterday, but it was expected temporary repairs could be made so as to resume operations by this morning. The stopes of the 200, 300 and 400 foot levels are looking remarkably well and producing 60 tons per day, upon which the 60-stamp mill is running. Both mills are running with their accustomed regularity, and judging by the large amount of ore in the ore houses and in sight, any cessation of the average output attained since the beginning of the year may be regarded as neither in the near or distant future even a remote possibility.

THE SHONBAR.

A force of men are now running the 250-foot east drift, which is now in ten feet from the shaft and showing good ore. It is expected this drift will tap the rich ore shoots developed above in the 185, at a point 20 or 30 feet further east. The stopes of the 185 east are producing their regular output of high grade.

THE VULCAN.

Much speculation is rife regarding the future operations of this mine. Judgements amounting to nearly \$40,000 were entered up against the Company last week and it was rumored that the judgment creditors had formed a combination for the purpose of working the mine. These rumors failed to materialize into anything tangible under the investigation instituted by our reporter, but it is safe to say that the property has been greatly enhanced in value by recent developments in the Shonbar, which joins on the east, and that the existence of ledges which can be reached with comparatively slight expense is now a known fact, and that the value of these ledges will no doubt prove sufficient inducement to parties interested to work the mine on its merits.

Marriage Bells.

ELK PARK, March 24.

To the Editor of the Miner.

Mr. Chas. A. Ness, general outside superintendent of the Silver Bow Company, will to-morrow join the band of happy benedicts. At the Catholic church, by the Rev. Father Doherty, he will be joined in holy wedlock to Miss Lottie Smith, of Ingleside, Ill. Mr. Ness has been in the employ of this wealthy corporation since its first inception, and by his strict attention to business, his general ability as manager of all affairs placed in his hands, his integrity and uprightness has won from the company their confidence and esteem. The thousands with whom he has had dealing respect and honor the gentleman, and indeed rejoice with him in this coming honor with which he is to be graced. In the possession of the bride he secures a young lady belonging to one of the best families in Illinois. Her residence in this, her future Mountain home, has been brief, but the grace of her manner, the charms of her rare intelligence combined with those virtues and purity of thought added to native modesty, won her the heart of a true and generous man who will make her a young life, if possible, more pleasantly pleasant. The bride and groom will make four embracing the principal cities and towns of Montana. CHANCE.

Religious.

Congregational—There will be services in the Congregational church in the morning only. A Union Temperance meeting in the evening at the Methodist church. Sunday school at 12 m.

Presbyterian—Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. R. Russell, pastor. You are invited to these services.

Baptist—Rev. L. L. Wood, of Helena, will preach in the Baptist Chapel on West Granite street this morning.

Catholic—High mass will be celebrated at the Catholic church this morning. Rev. Father Doherty, pastor.

Methodist—Rev. L. L. Wood will lecture on Temperance in Mountain View M. E. church to-night. All are cordially invited.

Sport Among the Wrestlers.

One of the hardest contested wrestling matches which has ever taken place in this city occurred at the Milwaukee Beer Hall last night, between Edwin Mathews of Centerville, and Alfred Johns of Butte, for \$50 a side.

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It is estimated that Montana's increase in the quantity of wool produced for the next six years will be greater proportionately than has that of Texas in the six years past, which was from 6,000,000 pounds for the first year of the six to 33,000,000 pounds for the last.

EASTER DAY.

The Symbolism of Easter Eggs—Origin of the Custom—How to Color Them.

Easter day occurs to-day, it being the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. March 25th is nearly the earliest day in the month upon which Easter can occur. In the cycles of time, about 200 years from now the festival will occur on March 23d, which is the very earliest date upon which it can fall. Symbolizing the close of Lent, and the laying aside of the sack-cloth and ashes for the pleasures of social enjoyment, and the forty days of fasting and prayer, for the luxuries of the table and thanksgivings for the abundant gifts of a bountiful creator, the day has always been welcomed as one of the joyous landmarks in the passage of time. The association of eggs with the celebration of Easter is not of modern origin. The exchange of eggs between friends as a token of love or friendship dates back almost to the flood, for it is a symbol of the ark as well as of the resurrection. The custom is almost universal, and is not confined to any nationality or religious creed. The Jews placed eggs upon their passover tables, the Druids used them in their ceremonies, and the Persians gave them as New Year's gifts. A Russian would greet you this morning with "Christ has risen!" and offer you an Easter-egg. In the far East a Mohammedan would do the same, and in every civilized land the egg is connected in some manner with the celebration of Easter. In America, Easter cards, embellished with lithographic eggs, or elaborately ornamented confectioners' eggs of enormous size are presented as tokens of friendship. Among the children, fancy colored eggs are a source of great enjoyment, and the delight of the proverbial small boy is in "peck eggs" with other boys, in which operation the egg with the thinnest shell will become a total wreck, for the insuring of which result the little rascals will not hesitate to ring in a deceptively colored porcelain egg.

Agnes Carr, in the *American Agriculturist* for March, gives a receipt for dyeing Easter eggs, as follows: "To dye eggs, put onion skins in the water in which they are boiled, and it will make them a rich yellow; or, if left longer in the solution, a rich brown. Logwood or violet ink gives a royal purple; cochineal, pink and crimson; and many pieces of chintz or bright ribbons that fade easily, if sewed tightly round the eggs, will color them nicely in figures, stripes or dots. Another way is to dip the egg into hot water, and then write a name or motto on the shell with tallow. It is then boiled in the solution of dyewood, when the inscription will appear in the white upon a colored ground. Those who are skillful with pencil and paint-brush can present their friends with really exquisite souvenirs by ornamenting eggs with flowers or butterflies, or appropriate texts of scripture. For these painted eggs, it is better to puncture a tiny hole with a pin in each side, and blow out the inside, leaving a clear shell, than to boil them; and the apertures can be concealed by stars of silver or gilt paper."

The Brick Skating Rink.

J. D. Thomas has contracted for the construction of the foundation for his brick skating rink, which is to be built just west of the Masonic Temple on West Park street. The building will be one story and a basement, with the rink on the first floor, and will be 65 by 120 feet, with an 18 foot ceiling. A theatre gallery will be run around the entire circumference of the rink, and every modern improvement will be utilized in making the rink first class in every particular. The building will be of brick, with stone and iron finish, and the architectural design will make the building an ornament to West Park street.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

As Narrated by Our Montana Exchange.

Benton talks of organizing a bicycle club.

Bozeman will vote on the city question to-morrow.

The snow is still very deep on the divide between Deer Lodge and Helena.

Junction City is having a boom, and the pioneers already want it to be the Yellowstone county seat.

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SANDS & BOYCE.

DRY GOODS!

Black Cashmeres. We have just received and placed on sale an elegant stock, to which we invite the attention of close buyers.

We are adding to our Dress Goods Department the newest fabrics. Our exhibition will excel in variety and newness, presenting all the NOVELTIES in the various fabrics for spring wear.

50 Pieces of Black and Assorted Colored Satins, in "short lengths," varying from three to six yards, in the popular standard shades, will be sold at 50 cents less on the yard than their real value.

Special bargains in Table Linens, Towels, Napkins, White Goods, etc.

Black and Colored Silks.

We offer a magnificent stock of new goods in this line at New York prices.

Adventures of Two California Boys.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—The *Times* prints a long story of the adventures of two boys who arrived at West Philadelphia depot yesterday from Helena. The singular appearance as they trotted across Chestnut street towards a cheap restaurant attracted attention. One is about 16 years old, and wore a visor over his eyes, and a pair of army breeches, which under the hoisting power of a single suspender *sal bras*. The other, about 14 years old, had on a sort of overall or ulster, that in its original condition was an army blanket. While eating their pork and beans, they related their adventures between Helena and Philadelphia.

We started for New York. Business is kind of played out in "Frisco. Everybody was going East, and on Kearney and Montgomery and California streets it was a mad race to get to the depot. Jim and me used to have blackening at a saloon with barbers chairs in it. Business fell off so we could hardly buy blackening and tins, says it is an unshakable California. Ten of us started. There was not seven dollars in the crowd. It was a picnic going up to Sacramento. We did the boat for the night, and the night before we didn't get washed on in Sacramento, and after we had ashy about an hour the chief of police gave us five hours to get out of town. We took the first freight train east. Me and Jimmy got on the bumpers, and some of the fellows hung on the brake beams under the cars. When they got into Reno, the engine and the train, the sand and gravel had cut up their faces. Four of them had enough, and they went up to Virginia City; four more dropped out at Winnemucca, and the train started back. A young fellow that was travelling emigrant east gave us a point. The emigrants are hauled by the freight trains, and they change conductors at the freight divisions. To beat them all you have got to do is to get ahead of the train or at a water station beyond the freight street and jump out. The train then the map is to hop on the train, borrow a conductor's check from an emigrant, stick it in your hat and ride to Reno. If you don't have a check you cannot borrow one. Deal it out, and repeat as often as you strike a new conductor, and you will get there, eh, Jimmy?" "I should settle," replied Jimmy, as he kicked back his chair and arose from the table; "that's the way we did it the plum way through to Chicago." As the pair walked toward the door. "Then we dropped out at Winnemucca, and the train started back. 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