A GREAT CONFLAGRATION.

Eight-Thousand Dollar Blaze Last Night in Butte.

FIERCE FLAMES.

Water Does Not Reach the Scene Until the Fire Is Almost Spent—Sparks.

Butte was the scene last night of another big blaze. It started in a two-story frame building on the southeast corner of Galena and Wyoming streets, and it ended there. Its work was complete, however. It never relaxed its relentless grasp until it had reduced the entire structure to an unsightly heap of charred timbers, and was only prevented from extending its operations to adjoining properties by the hard and skillful work of brave firemen.

THE FIRST ALARM

was sounded at 11:25 o'clock, but by whom cannot be definitely ascertained, as the alleged honor is claimed by several people. Suffice it that in a very few moments the blazing building was surrounded by at least 2,000 people, many of whom assisted in removing the furniture of the lower floor to a place of safety. The blaze was confined to the second story, and thus permitted of the removal of the effects of the lucky ones who "roomed" below. The usual rumors of women being roasted alive in the building were freely asserted, and, as usual, were found to be groundless.

AN UNFORTUNTE DELAY.

The fire had full swing for at least twenty minutes before a stream was turned on it, and by that time it was too late to save the building where it had originated. The firemen had their hose on the ground five minutes after the first alarm was sounded, but were helpless without water. Curses loud and deep were heard on all sides as the flames licked up the building, and everybody was asking everybody what the absence of the much-needed *aqua* meant. Frantic impatience was supreme, when at last the hose began to swell and a welcome stream burst from the nozzles of the pipes. The firemen began to drench the adjacent buildings, several of which were smoking in a threatening manner, and in a few moments all danger of the conflagration spreading had been averted. By this time the fire had spent its fury, and to distinguish the few beams left standing of the destroyed building was an easy matter.

THE BURNED BUILDING

was a handsome two-story frame of sixteen rooms and a kitchen. It was owned by Messrs. Beck & Bernard, who valued it at $4,000, and had it insured for $2,500 in several companies represented here by F. E. W. Patten. At the time of its destruction it was rented by Mrs. Julia Ward, a widow lady, who derived a living for herself and two small children by renting the rooms. The furniture, which originally belonged to her, was held under a mortgage by Police Officer Carlton, who placed its valuation at $3,500. It was insured for $2,000, equally divided between several companies, of whom George F. Marsh is the Butte agent.

THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE

cannot be learned. It started in one of the unoccupied rooms on the upper floor, and spread with such rapidity as to obliterate in a twinkling all traces of its cause. In this connection it may not be amiss to state that within the past few days the building was found, on three distinct occasions, to be on fire, but on two of them the blaze was quenched in its incipiency. There are not wanting those who positively affirm that last night's fire was incendiary, but nobody seems able to produce proof to that effect.

THE CAUSE OF THE DELAY

in conveying water to the flames is a matter of dispute. Chief McCarty says the cap of the hydrant was frozen to the socket and that he was compelled to thaw it it out before he could connect his hose to it. Manager Blaine, of the Water Company, denies that the cap was frozen, and asserts positively that the hydrants are always in good condition and easily worked.

Chief Meiklejohn and Mr. Simon Hauswirth offer the following explanation of the delay:

Hose Cart No. 1, of the City Department, made the first coupling on the plug at the corner of Main and West Park streets. Closely following it came No. 1, or the "spider" of the Brigade, which was ordered by Chief McCarthy to follow down and connect with the City, the latter's hose being too short to reach the fire. Then came Cart No. 2, of the Brigade, which also coupled on at the same hydrant, and when No. 2 of the City came down, it was to couple on No. 2 of the Brigade, to enable the second line of hose to reach the burning building, but when the City No. 2 reached the coupling point, the men of the latter wanted to couple on No. 1 of the City, instead of to the Brigade, and a squabble ensued, but Simon Hauswirth, who had been ordered to couple the Brigade to the City, took a firm stand and refused to allow his coupling to be broken, and then City No. 2 made connection with the Brigade No. 2, and thus on both lines of hose each of the departments had a section.

A COUPLE OF CASUALTIES.

Officer Frank McDonald, who worked so assiduously around the burning building, became exhausted and sank down on the sidewalk shortly after the flames were gotten under control. The effects of the heat and smoke so overcome him that he sank down upon the sidewalk and began vomiting. He was assisted into a store near, where some remedies were applied, and in a few minutes he was taken to his room, and is again all right.

Thomas Rogan, of the Brigade, was also prostrated from the same cause, but he, too, was braced up in a little while.

SPARKS.

Remillard & Parron, the liverymen, had a lively time in saving their stock. The animals were removed beyond the danger line before the fire had attained much headway.

Butte is sadly in need of a fire alarm system. There is too much powder burned every time a blaze occurs.

The heathen Chinee as a fireman is a failure. Last evening they did nothing but chatter.

There are a great many well-meaning people who make a nuisance of themselves at a fire. Every good citizen should keep in mind the fact that at a fire the Chief of the Department is monarch of all he surveys.

The interests of the city would be served by placing the entire Fire Department under one head.

A policeman's lot is not a happy one—especially at a big fire.

The fire-plugs should be tested daily by the fire authorities.

Several of the hose couplings leaked very badly last night. Rubber or leather washers should be kept constantly on hand to stop the waste of water.

Giant powder should not be stored inside the city limits. If last night's blaze had extended to the store of the Butte Hardware Company—as it threatened to and assuredly would if the arrival of water had been much longer delayed—the result might have been terribly disastrous to both life and property.

That Chinese laundry was saved by the skin of its teeth.

One of the ludicrous incidents was the picture presented by a heathen playing a small hose on his laundry and sticking to his post until his house began to smoke. Then he turned the muzzle of his garden-squirt upon himself.

Assuming His Duties.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 10.—Sir Edward Thornton has arrived here and will immediately assume his duties as British Embassador. Sir William White, who has been acting as Embassador pending the arrival of Sir Edward Thornton, will return to Bucharest to resume his duties as British Minister at the Capital.

Orange-Growers' Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 10.—The Orange-Growers' Protective Union, of Southern California, has completed its organization. M. Bettner, of Riverside, and Dr. Clubb, of Los Angeles, have left to establish agencies in the East.

A Reform Scheme.

CAIRO, January 10.—The Khedive, Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, a British commissioner, and Monkhtar Pasha, Turkish commissioner, have begun conferences for the purpose of elaborating a scheme for reforming the administration of the Egyptian Government.

THE NEW YEAR DIARY.

Experience of the Man Who Has Sworn Off This Year.

The diary of the toper who resolved to abstain from liquor is copied by the Chicago *Herald*, and reads as follows:

January 1.—Got gloriously full last night preparatory to swearing off to-day. Head a little heavy and large this morning, but aside from this chronic complaint have felt pretty well. About supper time experienced strange gnawing in the pit of the stomach. Sucked two lemons and was relieved. From observations taken this day I have arrived at the conclusion that a man can live on fresh water cocktails, providing he takes them far apart. Think I see the autumnal coloring disappear from my nose. This total abstinence business is simply marvelous.

January 2—Still holding the fort. Joined the Sons and Daughters' of Cold Water Brigade to-night and was decorated with a blue ribbon. Drank a glass of brown pop after I was initiated. Was seized with violent retchings soon afterward and had to go home for repairs. A whisky sour with cider on the side would fill an aching void this lonely night. But I must rid my mind of such spiritual things or I shall fall by the wayside.

January 3—Had a delightful dream last night. Thought I was standing beneath a cataract of rum and molasses in some distant land. Stuck by the cataract until I got tired and fell prone upon a rum-soaked rock, where I lay four hours with a spray and lemon peel falling upon me in a fragrant lovely mist. Then I waked up and found that a water-pipe upstairs had burst and that a dirty stream was trickling from the ceiling into the bed in which I was sleeping. Went down town to get a plumber and while on the way I stepped into a drug store and took some rum for a toothache.

Evening—Have just got back from Plumber's. Fuller'n a goat. Hooray, old diary, shake.

January 4—

January 5—

January 6—

January 7—Farewell, mute timekeeper of man's weakness. With all thy information as to weights and measures, postage rates and legal chestnuts I now spurn thee as though thou wert a snake, for I have had 'em and am still ill.

The most persistent pledge breakers are the smokers. Ever since Noah knocked the ashes of the mullein leaf out of his clay pipe and sat down to hear it rain for forty days, the annual "swear-offs" are slaves to the sable dudeen, the flagrant cigar and the malodorous cigarette have been legion. But few have been kept until the policy expired. Pledges made on January 1, 1886, will be broken about as follows:

January 1—Stopped smoking last night at the earnest solicitation of friends, who maintain that I will get fat as a reward for my abstemousness. Sucked a quill toothpick nearly a day, and went to bed with symptoms of nausea.

January 2—Found a "snipe" in my room this morning. Lit it, placed it upon the window sill, and then I sat down on a stool and inhaled the smoke. Delicious incense! But I didn't put the smoking "soldier" in my mouth, and therefore, I have not broken my pledge. When I was all ready to leave the room I concealed the "snipe" in my shaving mug, worked hard all day and went to bed with a saccharine taste in my mouth.

January 3—Uneventful day. Borrowed a chew of black plug tobacco this afternoon. It was my first attempt at masticating the weed, and I must confess it made me sick. But I haven't smoked.

January 4—Bought some "fine cut" today and have chewed it with considerable relish. Just before I retired I smoked a cubeb cigarette, and then inhaled the fumes from the "snipe" which I removed from the shaving mug and relit. Nary a puff from anything stronger than cubebs.

January 5—Bought a ten cent plug of Night Soilmen's Delight to-day. Ate of it until I got dizzy and then went home.

January 6—Sick all day.

January 7—Resumed smoking this morning. Bought the blackest, the thickest and the cheapest "torch" I could find and smoked it until the ashes fell on my chin. A retrospective glance shows that since the first day of the new year I have broken a pledge, lost nine pounds of adipose tissue and acquired the vice of chewing tobacco. Fond dreams of cleanliness, so long.

VARIETY NOTES.

What is Doing On the Vaudeville Stage and Where the Stars Are.

Pearl Ardine is at Leadville.

Maggie Foster will soon appear in Butte.

The King of Magicians at the Comique all this week.

Kent, the English baritone, opens at the Arion to-night.

Lottie Hayes is coming to Butte. She is booked at the Arion.

Harry Sefton, the spider dancer, is at the Fountain, in San Francisco.

The local vaudeville theaters are running pretty light just at present.

Big shows will rule after awhile at both the Arion and the Comique.

Sybil Spencer and Flora Bennett are at the Palace Theater, Denver.

Ed. Kelly and Ida Bertha, formerly of the Toledo, are at the Fountain, 'Frisco.

Bobby and May Gaylor are among the stars at the Bella Union, San Francisco.

Miss Alice Clark, formerly a favorite at the Comique, is now a member of the Bella Union Company.

Kittie Zanfretta, sister to Miss Dody Zanfretta, is at Harry Maynard's Peoples' Theater, San Francisco.

Miss Estelle Wellington has made a great hit at the Arion. She does a great song and dance act and is a charming little lady.

George Schmidt, the proprietor of the Fountain Theater, San Francisco, will soon open another theater on Stanyan street, near the Park entrance.

After a severe illness, that most charming and artistic song and dance lady, Miss Lydia Rosa, has re-opened at the Bella Union, San Francisco, where she is justly billed as "the gem of the profession." May she soon find full health and her shadow never grow less.

A SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.

A Reminiscence of Cornwall Dating Fourteen Years Back.

The fate of James Oxnam (not Oxman, as previously stated), sad as it is, has called back to the memory of his friends an incident which occurred in January, 1872, which in many respects is similar to his own fate. About the 10th of the month mentioned, among the workmen employed in the celebrated Dolcoath tin mine, in Cornwall, England, was W. J. Penrose, now of Butte, Thomas Oxnam, a first-cousin of the unfortunate James, and two other men named Babston and Muffit. These men were all laboring in the same stope, Penrose being above the three, when an immense cave occurred immediately under the former, and burying the other three men under many hundreds of tons of ore. Relief parties were at once put at work, and as in the case of poor James, one week was required to remove their remains from the debris. Thus it is seen that, after a lapse of fourteen years, a near and dear relative of one of these three victims is himself killed by an accident, and also lies buried in the bottom of a shaft for many days.

Another Candidate.

Some months since Mr. W. J. Penrose, a well-known Nevada journalist, completed the necessary arrangements for the issuance of a weekly paper at Centerville, but owing to ill-health he was compelled to abandon the enterprise. Having recently returned from the East and being again in good condition for work, he has revived the project, and will to-day begin the work of issuing the Centerville *Mining Journal*, the first number of which will appear the last of the present week. The new sheet will be eight columns in size, and printed in good, readable shape. The material, press, etc., will be in Centerville during the week, and the first number will be gotten out as stated. Mr. Penrose has had much experience in his profession, and will give the residents of his section a journal worthy the support which they will undoubtedly extend to it.

Emperor William Ill.

BERLIN, January 10. — Alarming reports were current yesterday concerning the condition of Emperor William, who was said to be seriously ill. The rumors probably had their origin in fact; that the Emperor was suffering from an unusually severe attack of rheumatism, and also from cold. His Majesty, however, in spite of his indisposition, gave an audience yesterday to several Ministers.

A CHILLY SOUTH.

Exceptionally Cold Weather in the Southern States.

SAMOA ANNEXED

Governor Foraker Inaugurated—A Demand For the Demobilization of Armies.

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee, January 11.—The minimum temperature at the Signal Office this morning was 7° below zero. Dispatches from towns throughout East Tennessee, North Georgia and North Alabama say that last night was the coldest ever known. Live stock are suffering greatly.

MOBILE, January 11.—The coldest weather ever known in the South has prevailed since last Friday night. This morning the mercury registered 12° above.

JACKSONVILLE, January 11.—This is the third day of the cold wave, the effects of which have been felt throughout Florida. So far as heard from, the temperature began falling Friday night, and Saturday night the thermometer reeorded 21° at the Signal Office, and 15° in exposed places. This morning it was 22 at the Signal Office and 18° where exposed. The temperature fell to 15° at Fernandina on Sunday, to 20° at St. Augustine, and is reported to have fallen to 16° as far south as Tampa. The damage done is less than expected. All oranges remaining on the trees are frozen and lemon trees in Northern Florida are probably killed; but beyond losing their leaves it is not believed that the orange trees are injured anywhere in the State.

The German Spirits Bill.

BERLIN, January 11.—The Emperor has signed the Spirits bill and submitted to the Bundesrath a bill which proposes to compensate those deprived of a livelihood through its operation on the basis of two years' income to each person ten years in trade. Traffic is to be controlled by a monopoly Ministry, who will appoint agents to do wholesale standing of refined spirits. The Federal States will appoint retailers. Restaurants, by special favor, will be allowed to sell spirits obtained from the monopoly without regard to the process enacted by the State retailers. The possession of Brauntwein by private persons will also be specified. The bill, if passed, will go into operation August, 1888.

Inaugurating Governor Foraker.

COLUMBUS, January 11.—The ceremonies incident to the inauguration of Governor-elect Foraker took place to-day. The severe weather of yesterday and last night diminished the attendance of the military and political organizations. A special train, bearing the Governor's party from Cincinnati, was an hour late, which delayed the programme. There were about 2,500 of the military and members of clubs who participated in the procession, and made a brilliant display. The Governor's party was met at the depot and escorted to the State House, where the inaugural exercises proper occurred in the rotunda of the Capitol. Governor Hoadley, in delivering the commission to his successor, gave expression to his own personal good will and congratulations.

Warning Greece.

LONDON, January 10.—The Greek Government has made overtures to the Government of Montenegro, looking to the formation of an alliance, both offensive and defensive, against the Porte. The King of Greece will leave his capital shortly for the Thessalian frontier to inspect the army. It is supposed that this will be the prelude to the beginning of hostilities. The Greek Government has received from Prince Bismarck a reply to their circular note sent recently to the great Powers concerning the Balkan question and the attitude of Greece in connection therewith. The German Chancellor warns Greece that if she engages in war with Turkey she will do so at her own risk; that she may expect no assistance from any of the great Powers, all of which will hold themselves aloof from the controversy.

Germany and Samoa

LONDON, January 11.—Intelligence has been received here that Germany has seized the island of Samoa, in the Pacific Ocean. The King and his chiefs were insulted, and finally fled. A force of marines was landed from the German war ship "Albatross." The German Consul then hauled down the Samoan flag and ran up the German colors in its stead. The Samoans threaten to make war on the Germans. The American and British Consuls protested against the action of the Germans.

Burned to Death While Asleep.

LOUISVILLE, January 10.—The dead body of an unknown man, aged about 40 years, was found in the woods near the city to-day. His clothing was burned off him, and his flesh was partially cooked. At his side were the remains of the fire. It is supposed his clothing caught fire while he was asleep. There was nothing to identify him by.

The Gale Continues.

PROVINCETOWN, Massachusetts, January 10.—The gale has continued with great severity all day from the northwest, and it is estimated that more damage has been done during the past forty-eight hours than for the past ten years on this part of the coast. Eight vessels have been ashore at Truro and Provincetown in this storm, but no lives were lost.

A Demand From the Powers.

CHICAGO, January 11.—The London *Telegraph* says: The Powers have demanded that Greece, Servia and Bulgaria demobalize their armies. The *Times* says: England also proposes that Tukey shall also demobalize her army. The Spanish Government has refused to grant England a coaling station on one of the Caroline Islands.

Effect of The Cut in Rates.

NEW YORK, January 11.—As a result of the cut of $5 in the west-bound passenger rate made by the Baltimore and Ohio Road, its ticket offices in this city have been crowded all this morning. The effect of the reduction upon the business of the other trunk lines has not as yet been made fully apparent.

Sampling American Fruit.

ROME, January 10.—The Ministry of Commerce has received a consignment of American oranges and lemons from the Italian Consul at New York, and has been sampling the fruit with a view of ascertaining the chances of America competing in the exportation of oranges and lemons from Italy.

The Mercury Falling.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Since midnight yesterday the temperature here has gradually fallen, touching 10° below zero at 10 o'clock to-night. Very little snow has fallen.

The Frozen Hydrant.

The following card from Superintendent Blaine, of the Silver Bow Water Company, is self-explanatory. Not having been present at the point under discussion both sides of the controversy have been given without prejudice by this paper, and the matter is left where it stands:

OFFICE OF THE SILVER BOW WATER COMPANY,
BUTTE, Montana, January 10th, 1886.

To the MINER.

In your issue of yesterday you state upon authority of Chief Meiklejohn that the hydrant at the corner of Main Street and Broadway was frozen and the water was also turned off. This is all true with the trifling exception that the hydrant was not frozen, and the water was not turned off. The nut on the side of the hydrant was stuck so the firemen were unable for a time to turn it. In behalf of the Company I desire to state that it is the aim of the Company to its fullest extent to serve its patrons and at no time is the water turned off nights.

O. P. BLAINE, Superintendent.

The Billiard Match.

The first Billiard game of the series between Saunders and Spinks took place last night at Hamilton's Billiard Hall, and was witnessed by a large number of admirers of the sport. The game was cushion carom, 100 points, and was won by Saunders, who scored his 100 in fifty-two innings, Spinks making 96. The average was nearly two points. It was a very closely contested game. The balls broke badly for both men, which prevented any large runs being made. Saunders' highest runs were 7 and 7, and the highest made by Spinks were 8 and 5.

To-night the second game of the series will be played. It will be 250 points, straight rail, and promises to be very interesting.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST

BUTTE CITY, MONTANA.

The following letters remained unsalled for in the postoffice at Butte for the week ending January 9, 1886, and unless called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the dead-letter office.

☞ Please say "advertised."

Albers, John	Laney, J E
Allison, Emma	Launsbro, Francis
Ahardt, Amel	Leary, Hank
Anderson, J E	Loher, Gus
Allison, Mrs J A	Leary, Jerry
Angove, Tobias	Lereaux, Israel
Anderson, Thos	Lesina, Joseph
Barclay, J H	Lewis, J C
Bell, Jas	Leona, Millie
Ball, E H	Lennihan, M
Beloin, R	Lowe, Saml
Burke, Thos	Langhorne, S W
Bouthiliber, Emille	Lewis, W H
Burke, Wm 2	McCarl, John 2
Buckingham, W	McAuley, J D
Burt, Wm J	McCauley, J
Brew, Wm J	McDonald, D A 2
Bradley, M A	McDonald, Jno jr
Bacheller, Monsieur	McDonald, John D
Brown, B L	McDonald, Chas
Burke, Albert	McCleary, Thos
Benson, B C	McGrew, Jas
Buster, Dug 2	McGinley, Mary
Bowman, A F	McHale, Mich
Budd, D D	McGreever, Thos
Bermendy, E F	McGuire, Patrick
Backe, Ferdinand	McLellan, A T
Broshan, Forbat	McMillan, A J
Bowes, Frank	McNamara, Roger
Belanger, Felix	Miller, Al
Barnes, F C	Michells, Ben
Blakeman, H	Martin, C F
Brown, Patrick	Morgan, Fred
Cass, A J	Mitchell, Frank
Campbell, Allen	Mead, Florence M
Cole, Annie	Moore, E H
Charest, D	Mitchell, Frank
Clark, Mrs C E	Mesler, Henry
Coutts, Charley	Muman, Mrs John
Crouse, Carroll	Mullens, John
Conklin, Edwd	Moore, J G
Cardinal, Godfaid 2	Murphy Leut Jas
Claridge, H E	Maroney, John H
Carli, John	Marsden, J H
Cunningham, J C	Martin, Lizzie
Curran, Jas	Martindale Thos
Cook, Joseph E 2	Miller, W D 2
Couch, Joseph	Mulherrin, Wm
Collins, Jas	Moyle, Wm
Carey, Jas	Nathan, Deck
Campbell, Jas	Nevins, M T
Colwell, J T	Neads, Michael
Cudihee, John	Nute, Wm
Coburn, John	Orvi, C C
Chartier, Leudger	O'Neill, Jerry
Croft, Mollie	O'Brien, Jas
Carr, Millie	Page, Bonaventure
Crabb, Missouri	Patterson, Anna
Callaghan, Michael	Proulgaire, Attanace
Corcoran, P W	Peterson, Chas
Cyre, Pete	Pietsch, Chas
Claroy, Thos	Porter, Henry
Cranich, Wm	Porter, Geo
Dugan, Daniel	Pearce J H
Dillon, C T	Plummer, J M
Deraire, Chas	Pless, P J
Dougherty, Ed	Peterson, Paul
Demers, E	Prout, Richd
Danner, G W	Preston, Tony
Dickson, Geo	Patton, W E
Daley, Jas	Reed, A W
Demeure, Ludger	Rees, G W
Davis, Lillie	Reese, John
Donnegan, Minnie	Robetaille, Jos
Devere, Maggie	Roney, J A
Dionne, Narcise	Ranger, Mrs M
Donovan, W P	Ricketts, W C
Ducharme, T	Rutherford, Mrs M W
Dour, Tim	Robert, Peter
Davis, Wm	Rogers, Richd
Elliott, Laura	Richards, Sam
Evans, Mary	Sundberg, A D
Francissee, Chas 3	Sheedy, Alice 4
Fitzgerald, Ellen	Schultz, Adolph
Friend, J C	Schumaker, A J
Farris, Jas	Stanton, Charley
Fitzpatrick, Katie	Smith, C T L
Fediore, Lula	Sarsla, Carl
Fox, Michael	Strumm, C K
Gordon, Annie	Sears, Edwd
Groves, Annie	Sharp, Edwin
Groas, A S	Shorpe, F M
Gnesting, Abraham	Sharkey, Fanny
Grant, A S	Stafford, Geo
Gates, A B	Scott, Geo H 2
Graham, Janey	Stviro, Giovanni
Gandreault, Joseph	Spencer, J D
Gannier, John	Spargo, John
Greenleaf, Josie	Snelling, Gone
Gillespie, Mike	Sullivan, Jno M
Grant, Mrs M L	Shrienes, Jas
Habrams, Mayor	Spencer, J A
Hickey, Michael	Stanley, Lula
Herbert C N	Sewell, Kittie
Havermail, Geo B	Stephens, Mary
Helms, Ernest	Sullivan, Patrick
Hoskin, H W	Sinclair, Ruby
Holland, John	Serber, Rudolph
Harden, John	Scott, S
Hortie, Joseph	Supernaut, Millie
Hudson, John 2	Soucy, A
Hornbrode, John	Tucker, C B
Hooper, J L	Taylor, D M
Hickman, J E	Telbrault, Frank 2
Harper, Leroy	Tano, Stefano
Holland, Thos	Tuttle, H W
Hurley, Tim	Thorin, Israel
Johnson, Alex	Tebolt, Lew
Jordan, Frank	Thight, Thos
Johnson, Erik	Utz, John
Juntika, Henrich	Vallentine, Dellor
Jackson, J P	Velois, Felix
Jacobs, Jas E	Whell, Mr
Jones, Thomas H	Wung, Ben
Jones, Thos	Wilson, C H
Kinkade, B	Woodford, Clara
Kneebone, Della 2	Wilson, C T
Kerney, Edward	Wright, H H
Keller, Dr Ed	Wright, Henry
Kneebone, Jas	Wolford, John
Knight, Katie	Wilson, J S
King, Katherine L	Weeks, J H
Koller, Mary	Williams, Jas
Lagase, Mary	Williams, J J
Larsen, B	Watters, J H
Laman, Albert	Watterson, Martha
Leugol, Blanche	Washburn, Mamie
Litton, B F	Wallace, Robt H
Leery, Abby	Williams, Saml
Latimer, C F	Williams, W W 2
Linch, Chas	Winend, Walter

BURLINGTON.

A Few Notes From Independence District.

A reporter of THE MINER paid the village of Burlington a visit last Saturday, and was surprised at the large amount of work which is being carried on at that place. The principal work is conducted by leasers, all of whom are doing well and who predict it a brilliant future for their little camp.

THE BURLINGTON

mine is one of the most important properties in the camp, and the work of exploration is carried on with commendable vigor. Messrs. Reynolds, Job Brothers, Edwards and Maddern have a force of thirty men at work in and around this mine, and large quantities of good ore are being extracted. There is no difficulty experienced with water, the pumps being capable of handling a much larger quantity than that at present coming into the shaft. The different stopes, drifts, etc., are looking well, and the leasers are correspondingly happy.

THE NETTIE

mine adjoins the Burlington property and is owned by the Colorado Copper Company. This mine has not been worked for a long time, but is now leased to Messrs. Harvey, Martin and Bastian, who will carry on work at the mine on a large scale. A pump has been erected on the property and the work of clearing the mine of water commenced yesterday. The shaft is now down 128 feet and will be carried to the 200-foot, when the mine will be opened out in a thorough miner-like manner. Messrs. Harvey & Co. will employ a large force of men and will doubtless do well with the mine.

I. X. L.

The mine is being worked by Messrs. Eva & Co. on lease. It is situated a little west of the Burlington mine and is worked at a depth of 90 feet. Six men are employed in the mine, and the different stopes are producing well.

MINOR NOTES.

Arrangements are being made to resume work on the Little Darling mine by Messrs. McSherry and Roberts.

The Blue Bird mine looks well and the work of sinking, drifting, etc., is carried on with vigor.

Major Ed. Edwards gave a bon-bon party at his hotel last Saturday night that was attended by all big-wigs and titled folks of Rocker and Burlington. The Major knows how to do the grand thing by everybody, and a good time was had.

It is reported that Col. Bill Job has in view the erection of a Bryanite Chapel at Burlington and that Arthur Cundy is going to start a Cook shop.

James Penticost, who has been confined to his bed for some time past with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, is recovering rapidly.

An Excellent Project.

Miners' Union Hall was well filled last evening with Knights of Labor and visiting friends. The occasion was an informal discussion of matters relative to the promotion of the principles of the order, and such other business as might be introduced. The question of Caucasian vs. Chinese labor in the laundry business was the leading subject, and it was intelligently discussed by Captain Wyman, H. S. Clarke and other gentlemen, who conclusively showed to the audience the injustice of supporting Chinese washmen, while many white women are willing to perform the same labor just as cheaply.

This meeting was the nucleus of an attempt to establish in Butte a laundry, to be conducted under the auspicies of the Knights of Labor, and the project promises to be a success. When such a laundry is established it should, and doubtless shall, receive much of the Caucasian patronage that is now bestowed on the heathen.

Clearing House Report.

BOSTON, January 10.—The leading clearing houses of the United States report the total gross bulk exchanges for the week ending January 9th were $1,035,852,245, an increase of 32.7 per cent. compared with the corresponding week last year.

VESSELS AND LIVES LOST.

The Terrific Gales of Yesterday Play Havoc

WITH THE SHIPPING

Twenty-One Vessels and Sixty-Five Lives Lost—One Man Out of a Crew of Eight Saved.

NEW YORK, January 11.—The schooner "Chrissie Wright," from Baltimore for Savannah has been sunk; seven liver were lost.

At the Isthmus of Panama twenty-one vessels and sixty-five lives were lost.

The schooner "S. T. Kirwin," from Norfolk for Baltimore, is missing.

The British steamer "Hylton Castle," from New York, for Rouen, France, has foundered. The crew were rescued, badly frost-bitten.

The schooner "Doretta Kohn," of Newport, Conn., is missing and is supposed to have gone down off Charles Island on Friday night.

Sporting Notes.

NEW YORK, January 3.—The efforts to arrange a fight between Dempsey and La Blanche have fallen through. La Blanche wanted to fight in a public place, but Dempsey wanted the meeting where the police would not interfere. La Blanche and Jack Burgess are matched to spar at the rooms of the Cribb Club, Boston's swell sparring club, on January 8th, for a purse of $400.

Sullivan and his ex-manager, Billy Madden, have settled their old quarrel, and are now going about the town closer than brothers. Sullivan was the first to offer his hand.

Railroad Collision.

PITTSBURG, January 11.—About 8:30 this morning the West Newton accommodation train on the B. & O. Railroad ran into the rear of the McKeesport train, standing at Salt Works station, seven miles east of this city. The West Newton train was going at a high rate, and the engine crashed through the smoker of the McKeesport accommodation, filling it with steam. Fortunately the passengers in the smoking car were notified of their danger before the trains came together, and by jumping from the car escaped serious injuries. A number, however, were slightly cut and bruised.

Thurman Nominated for Senator.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 11. — The Democratic members of the Legislature held an open caucus to-night and nominated Allen G. Thurman for the United States Senate, to be voted for in each branch of the Legislature to-morrow. In joint convention of the two bodies, Wednesday, Mr. Thurman recived 38 votes in the caucus, Governor Hoadley 33, and one scattering. The nomination was afterward made unanimous by a rising vote.

Schooner Ashore.

WASHINGTON, January 11.—The Signal Corps Station at Fort Macon, North Carolina, reports the schooner "Liconia Thomas," ashore on Rough Point, near Cape Lookout. A boat has gone to gain the particulars. It is reported that some lives are lost.

A Suspended Bank.

LONDON, January 11.—The Jersey Bank has suspended. The liabilities are said not to be heavy, as the bank was reported as doing only a small business.

English Turf Statistics.

The London *Sporting Life* recently published a list of the winning owners connected with the English turf: Mr. Robert Peck, who for several years has been steadily making his way to the front, holds the foremost place with the grand total of £22,036—more than $6,000 in advance of the second—chiefly by the aid of the wonderful Bard, the hero of sixteen successive victories, and the speedy Philosophy, winner of six valuable prizes. Considering that the highest amount won last year was but £12,500, the Duke of Westminster figures uncommonly well with £15,110, being an improvement of nearly £4000 on his last season's account, when he held third place—the chief contributers being Farewell (winner of the One Thousand Guineas), Kendal (winner of many races), the unbeaten Ormonde and the useful Newton. The third on the scroll of fame is Lord Hastings, his position being due to the two sons of Master Kildare—Melton and Pearl Diver. R. C. Vyner is fourth and last of the five-figure winners, over £7,000 being placed to his credit by Minting, said to be the best two-year-old in training. Messrs. Hammond, Manton, Leopold de Rothschild and C. J. Lenevre have failed to sustain their old positions.

MEIKLEJOHN'S MEDAL.

The Members of the Force Greatly Surprise Their Chief.

Yesterday afternoon, by prior agreement, the members of the police force, with about half a dozen of their intimate friends, met at the City Hall, and dispatched an officer to notify Chief Meiklejohn that he was wanted immediately at the Police Court room. Entirely innocent of any designs upon him, the chief donned his coat and promptly responded. When he arrived at the scene Mr. Henry McMurphy stepped up to him, and pinning a handsome gold badge upon the lappel of his coat, addressed him as follows:

GENTLEMEN—I am called upon at this time to perform, to me, a very pleasant duty. Yet I feel that words are inadequate for me to do justice to those who have been prompted to make this presentation to the recipient. It has been said, though we record our names in marble or in bronze, yet time will cause them to fade away, but if we record them in unselfish deeds they will remain until the heavens were rolled together like a scroll and the earth shall melt with fervent heat. The influence of good deeds never dies. The deed that is this day to be performed by the Marshal, and his associates is a good one, and is to be hoped will be forever indelibly impressed upon the memory of him who is held in such high esteem by his fellow officers, and whose services as an officer has made him deserving of such a mark of esteem. David Meiklejohn, in the name of Marshal Stoner and your associate policemen, acting in their behalf, I have the honor to now place upon your breast this golden badge. Wear it with honor to yourself, and with credit to the position you now occupy upon our police force, and may this day never be forgotten by you.

"Oh, God," said the chief, as he surveyed the handsome emblem, completely overcome by the unexpected honor, and he then in a few words, trembling with emotion, thanked the donors, concluding with the sentence: "So long as I live no disgrace shall rest upon this star," and those who heard him knew well that the words came from the bottom of his heart.

THE EMBLEM.

The decoration was purchased by City Marshal Stoner, and the six roundsmen on the force, J. P. Young, Birdie Reynolds, Frank McDonald, Charles Carlton, James Dwyer and W. L. Ledford, and was made in the East, the engraving being done by Leyson & Turck. It consists of a double five-pointed star, encircled by a wreath, and connected with the bar holding the pin, with neat little gold chains, a second bar holding them in the center, and is engraved as follows: On the top bar is the name of the recipient, "David Meiklejohn," while on the second bar appear the words, "Chief Police," in the center of the inner star is the name of the Marshal. "I. W. Stoner," in full, while in the points of the same star are to be found the initials of the various officers, as follows: "J. P. Y.," "B. R.," "F. McD.," "C. C.," "J. D.," and "W. L. L.," the whole forming as neat and substantial a piece of workmanship as could be desired by anyone. Naturally, Mr. Meiklejohn feels very proud of the trophy, and its reflection will ever act upon his conduct as a guiding star of light in the interest of justice, humanity and duty.

Death of Chris Louser.

At 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning Chris Louser died at the Sisters' Hospital, after having been ill for some time from the effects of dropsy. Mr. Louser came to Butte several days since from Anaconda, where he has been associated with Chris Nissler in a branch of the Silver Bow Brewery but the disease had obtained too firm a foothold upon him, add there was no relief except in death. Mr. Louser had been a resident of Montana for many years and was universally popular among all those who knew him. He was a kind-hearted and genuine gentleman, and many warm friends will miss his welcome smile and cordial greeting.

Death and the Legs of Dentatus.

From the Cardiff Mail.

On one occasion, when "Virginius" was being performed, my unhappy temper (says Macready) was severely tried in the third act of the play, where *Siccius Dentatus* should be discovered on a bier with a company of soldiers mourning over it. I saw the old man who represented the Roman Achilles lying on the ground, and two men standing near. This was too absurd, the body having to be borne off in sight of the audience. I positively refused to go on. "Oh, pray, sir," urged the manager, "go on; the men have rehearsed the scene, and you'll find it all right." In vain I represented that the men could not carry off the old man. "Oh, yes, indeed, sir," reiterated the manager, "they perfectly understand it." There was nothing for it but submission. After some delay the curtain was drawn up and disclosed the scene as described. On I went and uttered my lamentation over the prostrate form of the veteran; but when I gave the order, "Take up the body and bear it to camp," to my agony and horror the two men, stooping down, put an arm underneath the shoulder of the dead *Dentatus*, raised him to his feet, he preserving a corpse like rigidity, his eyes closed and his head thrown back, and, arm in arm, the trio walked off at the opposite side of the stage, amid roars of laughter from the convulsed spectators.

Fire Clay at Thompson.

THOMPSON FALLS, January 11, 1886.

Editor BUTTE DAILY MINER.

Having received many inquiries from citizens of Butte in regard to fire clay discovered in this vicinity, I would like to answer them, with your permission, through your daily paper. The clay discovered here is not confined to this locality. The strata runs for fifty miles along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, commencing ten miles north of Trout Creek Station, and running east to Horse Plains. The clay is of a very fine substance, free from grit, and will make as fine building brick and common crockery as any clay deposit yet discovered in the West, but unfortunately it will not stand heat enough for the commonest fire brick or the lining of smelters. It has been tested by experts from all parts of the country, and I am sorry to say they all admit that as fire clay it is a failure, and it was found it would not answer their purpose. The smelter people were in hope that the clay would take place of the Golden, Colorado, clays.

The strata is from ten to fifteen feet deep, and over five miles wide in places. Several locations have been recorded, and the owners are trying to dispose of it, but the only sale made as yet was twenty acres for $50. If any of my Butte friends wish to invest they can do so by sending the means to pay for staking and recording to any business man