

LOCAL NEWS

from the Daily Herald of December 23.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

Concurrent Resolution for the Holiday Adjournment.

The Senate will meet at 6 o'clock to-night, having adjourned Saturday until that hour.

The House met at 2 o'clock in Granite block, Mr. Speaker Winter in the chair. All members present except Stebbins.

The committee on printing reported back H. B. No. 3, substituted for H. J. M. No. 1, which was referred to the committee on ways.

H. B. relative to the survey of railroad lands was referred to the committee on public lands.

H. B. relative to elections, printing of ballots, etc., was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

Notices were given of the intended introduction of bills as follows:

Bray—to amend Section 1,358, Article 1, R. S.

Cory—to amend the registration law.

Hartman—to determine an official ballot.

Lochry—to amend the mining laws.

Hoffman—to regulate text books for public schools, and to govern the printing thereof.

H. B. No. 6 was read twice and referred to the committee.

It provides that commissioners shall hold office four years, the terms of present incumbents to expire in 1893, vacancies to be filled by appointment by the district judge.

House concurrent resolution No. 1, fixing the holiday adjournment until December 30, was passed by a vote of 18 to 13.

The House then took a recess until 8 p. m.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

Large Attendance Yesterday—Christmas Sermon and Services.

The various church edifices were liberally attended yesterday, the approach of the anniversary of the day on which was announced "Peace on earth, to men good will," recalling men's thoughts to their too scantily heeded religious duties.

Most of the auditoriums were neatly decorated with festooning and appropriate materials, and the pastors held forth on themes consonant with the day and the season.

At the Congregational church were held specially prepared Christmas exercises both morning and evening, the chief feature of which was a carefully prepared musical programme of four attractive numbers.

The Sunday school services also partook of the holiday character and the little ones were highly entertained as well as instructed.

DISASTROUS RUNAWAY.

Frank, S. Lang Loses a Valuable Horse.

This morning a horse attached to Frank S. Lang's delivery wagon became frightened while standing in front of the store and, though hitched to heavy iron weight, started to run off, dragging the weight along with him.

The scared animal collided with a few teams in front of the Grand Central and turned up Grand and down Jackson street, growing more frantic as he ran.

When he was going at a frightful speed when he attempted to turn into Sixth street, and in making the corner fell to the ground. The poor beast broke his leg in the fall, and as soon as the nature of his injuries was made known Mr. Lang ordered him killed, which order was forthwith executed.

The horse belonged to McFarland's stable and was hired only a few days ago by Mr. Lang. The shafts of the wagon were broken, but no other damage was done. A hack and a buggy in the path of the runaway had a narrow escape.

A Comrade in Need.

Comrade Warren W. Pay, late of Company C, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, now located in Dakota, has had his home destroyed by fire—a home he had just succeeded in securing after many years of toil.

He is badly crippled with rheumatism and scarcely able to work. He writes that his last cow and horse have been taken by the sheriff, and himself, wife and three children are without a home, and the relentless Dakota winter upon them.

Comrade Dan Knight, of Colfax, Iowa, suggests that each comrade of the Camp Fire contribute a small sum—25 cents—to assist the unfortunate comrade in rebuilding his home.

Comrade Knight will forward all contributions to Mr. Pay, and record each one's name and send the list to the Camp Fire. Investigation proves that Comrade Pay is well worthy of any financial aid the "boys" may tender, and will be very thankful for the same.

All letters should be addressed to Dan Knight, box 132, Colfax, Jasper county, Iowa, who will forward the amount to Comrade Pay.

The Board of Trade.

Donald Bradford was elected secretary and T. H. Kleinschmidt treasurer of the board of directors of the Helena Board of Trade at their regular meeting Saturday afternoon, at which there was a liberal attendance.

Messrs. A. M. Holter, Floyd-Jones and H. Klein constitute a committee to prepare a manifesto that shall set forth why and wherefore Helena should have a government building, said manifesto to include statistics of all business done here by United States officers, rentals paid, etc.

During the past year Mr. Kleinschmidt, treasurer, received \$1,966.10 and paid out \$1,575.56, leaving a balance of \$390.54.

A. M. Holter, C. W. Cannon, T. H. Kleinschmidt, Donald Bradford, A. J. Steele, H. M. Parthen, R. C. Wallace, John T. Murphy and D. A. Cory were chosen as members of the executive committee for the ensuing year.

Redskin Relics.

Col. Wheeler, of the State Historical Society, this morning secured from "X," a silver medal taken from the breast of a defeated Indian lying on Baker's battle ground on the Yellowstone. The relic is a medalion of the reign of Franklin Pierce, of the year 1853.

It is ornamented with two scalp locks, one of a good (being dead) Indian and the other of an unfortunate white woman.

The society is also in possession of another relic of similar design that was secured by Col. Wheeler from a Blackfoot Indian a few years ago during a trip into that country, and bears the likeness of Andrew Johnson.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood, which Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes, and thus cures rheumatism.

THE MANDAMUS CASE.

Roberts Wins the First Bout—The Vital Question, Set for Saturday Morning.

In Judge Hunt's court this morning was argued the now *causa celebre* of Roberts vs. Kenney, being the petition of Representative Roberts for a writ of mandamus to compel State Auditor Kenney, to issue said Roberts a certificate for his *per diem* and mileage as a member of the House of Representatives of the Montana legislature, and the ruling of the judge was promptly made in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

Attorney-General Haskell claimed, on behalf of the auditor, that relator's petition was insufficient in that it did not set forth the facts of his nomination, and membership in such House; nor did it set forth the concurrent action of the Senate and House showing the days of service and mileage claimed; that it was a rule of law that a mandamus issue only where no relief is speedily attainable at law; and that in the absence of the authority of a joint Board of Examiners must pass upon relator's claim before certificate should issue.

Another point which the attorney general stated, but did not argue, was there might be some question as to whether relator was a member of the legal House of Representatives.

Col. Sanders responded on behalf of Petitioner Roberts. He read the law on the province of the mandamus and the duty of the auditor. He held that the petitioner had shown that he was elected, had qualified and served as a member of the House of Representatives a given number of days and had traveled a given number of miles to attend to his duties, and that none of these facts being denied he was entitled to his certificate.

Judge Hunt held that as the fact that Roberts was a State officer was not disputed, he was entitled to the certificate, and that the writ must issue.

Mr. Haskell entered an exception to the ruling of the court, and was allowed until Saturday morning until 10 o'clock to make return. The vital point in the whole matter, the validity of Roberts' certificate of election, will then be argued.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

Both Houses Continue to Meet and Adjourn.

The Senate met at 6 o'clock last night but immediately adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock, at which time it was called to order. There being no quorum, a recess of 15 minutes was taken. Upon re-assembling adjournment was taken until 2 p. m.

The House met last evening at 8 o'clock, but immediately adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

The House assembled at 10 o'clock this morning, but adjourned until Friday at 8 p. m.

THE THIRD HOUSE.

Failing to discover a quorum when noses were counted this morning, the third House adjourned until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

THE MINAH SOLD.

An English Syndicate Buy a Famous Ore Producer, Near Wickes.

The famous Minah mine, near Wickes, formerly owned by J. O. Briscoe, who is now sold to an English syndicate, who have incorporated it under the name of the Minah Consolidated Company, Limited. The prospects of the company give the following details of organization:

Capital \$250,000, divided into 250,000 shares of \$1 each. Of the above issue the vendors take in part payment of the purchase price \$90,000 fully paid shares, and the balance, viz: 170,000 is now offered, payable as follows: 24 60 on application; 10s on allotment, and the balance within four days of the capital.

This company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring and working the several silver mines known as the Minah Group, situated about two miles to the northwest of the town of Wickes, Jefferson county, Montana, U. S. A.

The group comprises the following mines: Minah, Homestake, Annie E., Iowa, Hillside, Iron Dollar and Golden Cross.

This property is about 700 feet above the level of Wickes, and within a mile of the Montana Central railroad, from which point a branch line could be easily constructed at a cost probably not exceeding \$5,000. The area to be acquired consists of about 128 acres, and is held under the customary United States tenure, equal to freehold.

The lode is what is known as a true fissure vein, and at the date when the firm visited the mine the actual measurements of the ore in sight amounted to at least 53,000 tons, which they estimated would yield a net profit of \$9, 94, 94 per ton, equal to \$184,898, or equivalent to nearly four times of the capital.

Work has been going on continuously for about five years, and already considerably more than 5,000 feet have been driven and sunk, which has probably cost not less than \$15,000.

The M. A. P. Mine.

A big strike has been made in the above property, which is situated about five and a half miles northwest of Helena. The mine is developed by an incline shaft 100 feet in depth. Three tons of ore have been shipped, which brought \$90 net at the Helena smelter. Last week John Phillips, principal owner of the mine, received a telephone message from the foreman to "come out." He did so at once and found, on arrival at the mine, that a vein of ore from two and a half to three feet in width had been encountered at the seventy-five-foot station, where a cross-cut and levels are being run. The ore is high grade chlorite of silver, the best of it running 1,600 ounces to the ton; average, 124 oz.

The mine is owned by Messrs. Phillips and La Fontaine, who expect great things of it. Judging from recent developments they will not be disappointed.

A Baby Complicates Matters.

A son was born at Providence, Rhode Island to the wife of Hon. J. H. Conrad, of Billings, who upset all the plans for a compromise of the J. B. Barnaby will case by coming into the world just as the last legal steps were about to be formulated, and thus becoming one of the claimants against the estate of the millionaire clothier.

The lawyers and court were in a quandary. The youngster has no legal guardian, and was without a name, so the wheels of the legal machinery were forced to stop until the father could return from Montana and have a word to say about the child's share of the estate.

Sudden Death.

John L. Bellis, an old gentleman of over sixty, died suddenly of apoplexy at 2:30 this afternoon while sitting in Kemp's assay office, 24 Edwards street. Mr. Bellis lived at No. 415 North Brenton avenue.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Herald's Santa Claus Makes the Punishment Fit the Crime.

Santa Claus has intimated to the HERALD that he will distribute gifts among his Montana friends to-morrow as follows:

To Governor Toole—Handsomely bound copy of "Prerogatives and Duties of State Executives."

To the Big Four—An engrossed copy of a bill passed by the Ramp House "for the relief of W. A. Clark, S. T. Hauser and others for funds advanced by them to pay the salaries of members and attaches of the House pending their vital struggle for Senatorships."

To "Speaker" Blakely—Copies of Roberts' Rules of Order and Lindley Murray's English Grammar.

To the County Commissioners—Set of nickel plated Yale keys, warranted to meet gubernatorial requirements.

To Chief Justice Blake—Copy of Indiana Supreme Court decision declaring "a woman not a person."

To Col. Sanders—A photograph of the Salvation Army, rampart.

To Representative Bray—Tissue paper model of W. A. Clark's valise.

To the School Trustees—Photographs of the several school teachers at the moment of receiving the news that salaries were to be stopped during the holiday vacation.

To the Independent—The story of George Washington and his hatchet, with the moral printed in capital letters.

To the Miner—The same with a Scriptural extract bearing upon Ananias and Sapphira.

To Judge Hunt—A grand jury of sixteen men.

To Congressman Carter—Photograph of Silcott with itemized account of the salary Montana Representative did not draw.

To the Journal—An automatic proof reader.

To Daniel E. Bandman—Marked copies of newspapers containing criticisms of his great Shakespearean Company.

To the Montana Militia—Governor Toole's message.

To the City Council—An essay on how not to manage a water contract.

To the Rump House—Copy of Hamlet's soliloquy, "To be or not to be," etc., bound in enduring style.

To the City of Helena—The permanent Capital and a \$500,000 government building.

Truly a Tool.

[Minneapolis Tribune.] Governor Toole, of Montana, has sent a message to the Senate and the Democratic rump House, in which he endeavors to justify his unwarranted interference with the organization of the Legislature, and claims to be as innocent of bias as an unborn child. He admonishes the Republicans to lay aside political passions and prejudices, while he intimates that the Democrats should not be swerved from the path of obstruction, or principles, as he delights to term it.

The plain meaning of it all is that the Democrats should keep the Legislature in a deadlock until the legislative session lapses so that the appointment of two United States Senators may devolve upon him.

Governor Toole is one of the most fanatical partisans that ever occupied the executive chair of a great State. Upon assuming the duties of his office he usurped, for partisan purposes, privileges not vested in the executive, and now that his party is weakening through the odium of its own infamy, he again throws the weight of his authority in the balance in its favor. The fame of the first governor of Montana will live long among the people of that commonwealth. But it is hardly supposable that his name will be remembered with pride.

Here's Your Honest Man.

It is told of Joe Dunn, driver of street car No. 4, that in the obscure light of Thursday evening a passenger by mistake passed to him a twenty dollar piece for a silver dollar, and change was returned on the dollar basis. Dunn didn't notice the coin until later when the same passenger again handed the car.

"Haven't you a stray double eagle driver?" inquired the gentleman.

Joe thrust his hand into his pocket, pulled out a handful of silver and with it the twenty dollar piece.

"Guess that's the coin," said the passenger.

"Guess you're right, stranger; it's none o' mine."

The passenger got the twenty, and Joe got the hearty thanks of the man who got his own.

The story sounds like fiction, but it is a fact. It is good to make note of an honest act like that.

Serenaded the Governor.

The St. Ignatius Band of Flathead Indian boys called on Governor Toole yesterday, and serenaded him at his office. The Governor received them cordially, and addressed them as follows:

"I am glad to see you all and to shake hands with you. Your performance is far beyond my expectation. I am sure you have surprised every one who was not familiar with your proficiency. It demonstrates that, with close application and determination to succeed, nothing is impossible. Under the direction of those wise and holy men, whose mission is to do good, I predict that you will not only make good musicians, but good citizens."

The Governor then shook hands with each of the boys and then turned good by. The band left last evening for St. Ignatius Mission, all the members being delighted with their first visit to the capital.

Fourth of July.

A syndicate of Helena, Butte and St. Louis capitalists has purchased a controlling interest in the Fourth of July mine in Okanogan county, Washington. This property is a well known one to all mining men, and bears evidence of turning out a veritable bonanza. The property was incorporated Thursday with the following directors: Messrs Ed. I. Zimmerman, W. F. Sanders, S. T. Hauser, T. H. Kleinschmidt, and John J. O'Connell.

President of the syndicate is John J. O'Connell, of St. Louis, and J. K. Pardee, of Philadelphia, who are also the largest owners. Some of the large owners who are not on the board of directors are C. W. Cannon, Charles Hoffman, Dr. Redd, M. M. Holter, Mantle & Warren, Patrick Clark, Samuel I. Silverman, and others.

The Horse Stumbled.

[Washington Star.] The President and his son Russell went out driving in a light buggy drawn by the President's favorite horse "John." While they were coming toward the city, along the Woodley lane road between 5 and 6 o'clock, the horse stumbled and fell, kicking about violently until one of the shafts was broken. The president descended from the buggy and quickly steadied the animal. A gentleman coming along with a conveyance took up the tonnage and brought them into the city. An exaggerated account of the affair was sent out last night to some outside newspapers and created quite an excitement.

Romance and Facts.



Sweepie—What did Santa Claus bring you, Misery?

Misery—Oh, I got a brand new warm overcoat, and a pair of dandy pants, and a lot of candy and s'mother little things I can't just remember. What's yours?

Sweepie—Oh, I got a sealskin cap, and some warm cloths as goes on under these, and fourteen dinner tickets, and lots of candy and things. Now, Misery, straight—what'd yer get?

Misery (voice just a little shaky)—Say, Sweepie, I hung up my stockin' all right, and do yer know, I never got a bloomin' thing!

Sweepie (also shaky as to voice)—Nor me, neither—Smith, Gray & Co.'s Illustrated Monthly.

Food for Reflection.

Yes, Mr. Turkey cock, I own you. You make a gallant show as in fall fig you strut about majestically.

But would it, in your puffed out state, give you too great a shock to know you're swine look down on you, Turkey cock?



Yes so it is; for by their eyes, and external parts of speech, I know they would you for pride, and humbler thoughts would trifle.

"You silly, silly bird," they seem to say, "You're kept so well that you may look well on a Christmas platter."

How He Would Slide.



Mrs. Smiten (to her son)—Which would you rather have for Christmas, Robbie, a pair of skates or a sled?

Robbie—Can't I have both?

Mrs. Smiten—No; I don't think Santa Claus would consent to that.

Robbie—Then give me the skates. Tommy Slimson's got a sled, and I can lick him.

SELF-PROTECTION.

Owners of Mineral Lands Organize for Mutual Advantage.

The effort to prevent the Northern Pacific from gobbling several hundred thousands of acres of Montana mineral land has taken definite form and now has a local habitation and a name. It is known as the Mineral Land Association, and the organization was perfected Saturday afternoon, when officers were elected and articles of incorporation filed. The meeting was held at the Merchants hotel. Dr. A. H. Mitchell, of Deer Lodge, was chosen president; L. H. Hershfield, vice president; R. O. Hickman, treasurer, and Thomas G. Merrill, secretary. Executive committee, A. H. Mitchell, L. H. Hershfield, A. H. Barrett, R. O. Hickman and Thos. Cree. Capital stock, \$50,000, shares \$1 each. Over five hundred shares were subscribed Saturday. The directors will hold their first meeting the third Monday in March.

The association proposes to stir itself in behalf of owners and claimants of mineral lands along the lines of the Northern Pacific whose possessions are disputed by the railroad company.

Civil Engineers in Session.

The monthly meeting of the Montana Society of Civil Engineers was held Saturday night in the office of E. H. Beckler, in the Montana National Bank building.

Messrs. Beckler, Sizer and Voss, of Helena; Mr. Wilson, of Butte, and Mr. Robinson, of Marysville, were made a committee of arrangements for the annual meeting of the society, to convene January 18th. The annual meeting will transact considerable important business and have a good deal of pleasure. Among the latter items will be an excursion and a banquet and ball.

The following names will be presented to the annual meeting by the committee on nominations as the official roster for the ensuing year: E. H. Beckler, president; John Gillie, vice-president; Charles G. Griffith, secretary and librarian; A. S. Hovey, treasurer; A. E. Cumming, trustee. Messrs. W. W. DeLoe and A. B. Knight are the hold-over trustees.

Masonic Matters.

Helena Lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M.: elected officers as follows Saturday night: W. M.—W. S. Folk. S. W.—John J. Rohrbangh. J. W.—C. B. Nolan.

Treasurer—H. M. Farchen. Secretary—Geo. Booker.

The three Masonic lodges of this city—Helena No. 3, Morning Star No. 5, and King Solomon No. 9, will hold joint installation services on St. John's Day, December 27, in Blue Lodge Hall.

Horribly Mangled.

Chas. Messenger came in from Elliston this morning and gives particulars of the frightful fate that overtook a Swede wood-chopper at that place Sunday night. He was walking on the Northern Pacific track when he was run into by an engine and killed, his body lying on one rail.

It being very dark the accident was not discovered by the crew of the engine and the body laid there until an eastbound train came along and literally cut it to pieces, distributing the parts along the track for half a mile or more. The unfortunate chopper was about 25 years of age and had no relatives as far as known.

Bagged the Bounty.

Ole Synnes, a mighty Nimrod of the North, who, though young in years, has an extensive reputation as a hunter and trapper, brought to the city yesterday the pelts of six coyotes and one wildcat, on which he secured the bounty. The beasts were bagged near Hilger's ranch. The cat was a magnificent specimen of the feline tribe, one of the largest seen in these parts for many a day. Mr. Synnes gained considerable notoriety about four years ago by killing a large mountain lion, he being a stripling at the time.

Mr. Will Hilger reports game quite scarce in that section the present season, there being but little to attract the hunter looking for noble game.

New Corporations.

Secretary of State Rotwit yesterday filed the articles of incorporation of the following companies:

The Missouri Valley Land Canal Company, incorporators, L. H. Hershfield, A. Hershfield, A. J. Davidson, R. Marks, W. E. Tierney and J. E. Keaney; capital stock \$250,000 in 2,500 shares of \$100. Offices will be in Helena and operations in Meagher county.

The Y. T. Cattle company, incorporators, Colin Hunter, Isaac Bergman, J. Howard Ford, Daniel E. Erastine Nagle; capital stock \$450,000 in 4,500 shares of \$100 each. Offices and principal place of business will be in Cheyenne, Wyo.

The Encore Soiree.

A cultured and fashionable audience attended the Encore soiree Saturday night, completely filling the hall of the club. The programme rendered was an excellent one and executed in faultless style. The instrumental music was unusually fine, the orchestra under the leadership of Professor Yaeger rendering flattering applause. The Montana March, composed by Mr. Yaeger and dedicated to the Encore club, is a pretty piece of harmony and reflects much credit upon its composer. The vocal numbers were also admirably rendered. Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Lathrop and others acquitted themselves most creditably and giving the audience much pleasure by their excellent selections. Mr. Garrett's performance on the cello was likewise highly appreciated. All in all it was a most enjoyable concert.

An Insurance Clerk's Good Fortune.

Joe Grant, who is employed in the Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance company, held one twentieth of ticket 63,856 which drew the first capital prize of \$300,000 in the drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery Company on the 15th of October. He collected the money through Adams Express Company—Hartford, (Conn.) Times, November 18.

Escaped Unscathed.

Glendive Independent: Hon. Martin Newcomer came down from Helena Saturday. He bears no marks of the battle that has been raging up there; on the contrary Helena appears to agree with him. Mr. Newcomer would not say much about the middle, but thought after a while it could be said, "all's well that ends well."

Five Millions of Soldiers.

[Blackwood's Magazine.] Some years ago an idea suggested itself to an obscure workman at Belleville, an idea that since then has engendered an army, simply qualified, were it a question of numbers alone, to realize the dream of eternal peace, by keeping in check the assembled armies of Europe. He sets on foot 5,000,000 soldiers a year. These soldiers are of humble origin, but so was Napoleon. They spring from iron sardine boxes. Relegated to the dust hole the sardine box is preserved from destruction by the dustman, who sells it to a rag merchant in Belleville or in Belle Vue Chateau, who in his turn disposes of it to a specialist, by whom it is then prepared for the manufacturers. The warriors are made from the bottom of the box, the lid and sides are used for guns, railway carriages, bicycles, etc. All this may seem unimportant at first sight, but the utilization of these old sardine boxes has resulted in the foundation of an enormous manufactory, at which no less than 200 workmen are employed. The poor workman, out of whose head the armed tin soldier sprang—by way of the sardine box—is now a rich man, and, what is more, an eager and keen-sighted patriot, who in his sphere deserves the gratitude of his country.

The Grand Central.

The Northern Pacific and Wisconsin Central to be Consolidated.

ST. PAUL, December 24.—It is stated that the Northern Pacific and Wisconsin Central railroads will be consolidated January 1st under the name of the Grand Central.

IT IS DENIED IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 24.—Officials of the Wisconsin Central and the directors of the Northern Pacific deny the statements that the roads are to be consolidated.

The mining men of Montana have reason to rejoice in statehood. Under Territorial government the alien land law hampered their business and prevented many a sale to foreign capitalists. Now that Montana is a State this law is not in force, since it applies only to territories. In consequence of our admission and the immunity it has brought the mining industry from this restrictive legislation, Montana miners have made three important sales to English capitalists, notably the transfers of the Shecon group, the Elkhorra and the Minah mines to foreign purchasers. Other important deals of a similar nature are pending.

KNOWLES, Mills, White, Galbreith—these are men of senatorial size, on some of whom the Republicans beyond the range would do well to unite if they expect one of the senatorial seats to be realized to their geographical locality.