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Giving the Best and Biggest Bargains n

Clothing, Men's Furnishing Goods,
Hats and Caps, Men's, Ladies'
and Children's Shoes

Ever offered in Hamilton. The warm weather has left more winter goods in our store than we want, consequently we are naming very low prices on the whole stock. You get a cut from 25 to 50 per cent on all goods. It will pay you to invest now, even if you had to carry them over to next winter.

Clothing.	
Suits that sold for \$22.50 now.....	\$15.00
" " " 20.00 "	13.50
" " " 15.00 "	11.50
Underwear.	
Underwear at.....\$2.00 a suit that sold for \$3.00	
" " " 2.50 " " " 4.00	
Overcoats.	
Overcoats that sold for \$20.00 now.....	\$13.50
" " " 15.00 "	10.00
" " " 10.00 "	7.50

The Choicest and Richest Bargains ever Offered in the Bitter Root Valley.

Rogers, Chaffin & Summers

Hamilton Laundry.

CHRIS SANDVEN, Proprietor.

All kinds of WHITE GOODS done up in the best possible manner. A specialty of

WOOLEN GOODS,

WE GUARANTEE THEM NOT TO SHRINK. GIVE THE HAMILTON LAUNDRY A CALL AND YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT.

Goods called for and delivered to any part of the city

Hamilton Meat Market

P. H. Edwards, Proprietor.



Everything that is to be found in a First-class Meat Market.

FISH, GAME AND POULTRY.

BUYERS OF PRIME FEED BITTER ROOT STEERS AND OTHER STOCK.

PROMPT AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT. GIVE US A CALL. OPPOSITE A. C. M. CO. STORE.

VICTOR DRUG STORE

Newly Started at Victor, Montana, Fills a Long Felt Want.

It will not be any longer necessary for the people of Victor and vicinity to make a long drive when in need of medicine for the sick ones. We keep everything for the sick room.

Pure Drugs.

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VICTOR DRUG STORE.

Dr. T. H. HANBIDGE, Proprietor.

Hamilton Cafe...

The Only First-Class

Short Order House in Hamilton.

White Help Employed Rates Reasonable.

DINNER FROM 12 to 4 P. M. 25 CENTS.

Furnished Rooms in Connection.

W. H. GORHAM, Proprietor.

A ROAST FOR A ROAST.

Mr. Hunsaker Drives McGinty's Organ Grinder into His Corner.

Some weeks ago Mr. D. Hunsaker, a respected and responsible citizen of the upper valley, in a letter to the Western News, signed "A Happy New Year," took strong ground against the \$20,000 court house proposition. Although Mr. Hunsaker's views on the court house question did not accord with our own, we were very glad to publish his letter, believing that everyone has a right to express his views to the end that the best possible solution of any public problem may be arrived at.

Mr. Hunsaker at the same time also sent a letter, signed, "An Old Timer" to the new Ravalli County Democrat and which refused to publish it. As to why it did not, "charity forbids an uncomplimentary guess."

Last week the new paper gave Mr. Hunsaker a dirty roast for writing the two letters, that contained uncomplimentary reference to Supt. McGinty. The fellow that Supt. McGinty brought out from the east a few weeks ago to mould public opinion in the Bitter Root and to do the company's job work attacked Mr. Hunsaker for expressing his honest opinions, alleging that he was not an old timer and that his (Hunsaker's) name is still unknown to the tax lists!

The Western News has taken the trouble to look the matter up in the public records and finds that Mr. Hunsaker not only paid taxes last year, but that he paid taxes on an assessed valuation, on property owned in Ravalli county, that was just fifteen times larger than Supt. McGinty's assessed property valuation. We found that, as a matter of fact, Mr. Hunsaker paid more taxes on property within Ravalli county than the entire bunch of company superintendents put together.

When he appeared before the county commissioners recently to oppose the building of any kind of a court house at this time, Mr. McCrackin said that he represented interests that paid one-third of the taxes in the county and hence in his opinion those interests should be entitled to as much weight as the combined opinions of over 300 small tax payers. Now if Mr. McCrackin's theory is correct Mr. Hunsaker's opinions are entitled to as much weight as those of just fifteen McGintys and probably more than that for the reason that he is a permanent fixture here and not in perpetual and imminent danger of being bit from behind with a copper jacketed time check.

Mr. Hunsaker's letter follows:

Darby Mont. Jan. 28, 1900.

To The Western News.
Ha! Ha! He is after the man who lives near the "Medicine Tree" on the road from Darby to Ross' Hole, a man whom he says came to Darby only a year ago and whose name is still unknown to the tax lists.

The new country paper fellow says all this. I hardly know his real name—he seems to have so many of them. Some call him "McGinty's Mouth-piece," others say it is the "Daly Sucker." But never mind the name. He is just simply this new lad from the east that knows more than all of us common chaps put together. He furthermore says that this man—this Medicine Tree man may have been authorized to speak for the people of Darby. May also consider that he has the right to sign himself "An Old Timer." That he attacks under lying signature the motives of such men as John L. Robison, J. L. Humble, W. B. Harlan, J. D. Miser and others who favor a court house. Young man I will leave it to the county newspaper readers who is the liar. I am the only man living near Medicine Tree and quite naturally I take it for granted you refer to me, the undersigned. He who says that I came to the Bitter Root not more than one year ago is certainly either a liar or a joker, or an ass. He who says that my name is still unknown to the tax lists of Ravalli county, is surely one of the three or more likely all of the three. And is not he a fool when he says that I attack the motives of Messrs. Robertson, Humble, Harlan, Miser and others. When he says "others" I suppose he means Daly's McGinty and McGinty's Sherman. It is true that I do not pay the amount of taxes that any one of the above mentioned gentlemen

do, but notwithstanding all that, I am a taxpayer of Ravalli county and expect to continue as one and there is other small tax payers in the county, aye, hundreds of them that have just as much right to express their opinion on the court house question as any of the well-to-do capitalists that this new Daly-McGinty-Sherman organ is writing to, asking their opinions on the \$20,000 ornamental court house proposition. I dare say that this bright young newspaper henchman from the east has not in one single instance written to a small tax payer or a poor man asking his opinion about the court house or if he has it has certainly been to some one under the control of the rich and who dare not express his mind on the subject for fear of the wrath of his master or boss. To return to your slurs on me I will say that I am not lying when I put my signature under an article as "Old Timer." I am nigh unto 50 years of age and was born and raised in the west and have been in the Bitter Root valley probably before you ever heard that there was such a place, and young man let me kindly suggest that you do not again take any one to task for writing a newspaper article over a non de plume instead of his own signature. That sir, is quite a common thing to do. In fact I'll venture to say that you may have done the same thing before you rose to the high position of editor of a rich man's whittle to dis of a small backwoods country sheet. We are not certain that you are the right person to criticize others or to give advice. You have been in the county for less than 90 days. Before we look up to you and believe in you to any great extent we must know more of you. We can hardly say yet that you have made even a good beginning. We have never met you yet but the country sheet you claim to represent has come regularly to us and we cannot say that we are very favorably impressed. We may meet you later on and in the meantime let us hear from you again.

D. HUNSAKER.

P. S. When you come up this way canvassing for your would-be newspaper, call in and see us. The dogs will be chained securely and you will be fairly well treated—that is considering who you are, etc.

D. H.

PRESENTED WITH A WATCH.

Sam Lucas Honored By His Hamilton Friends.

Sam Lucas was presented with a \$350 watch at the Lucas opera house last Friday evening by his friends here.

The word had quietly passed around that the Lucas family would meet their friends at the opera house that evening and arrangements were made accordingly. The stage was tastefully decorated with evergreens, including a big streamer inscribed "Farewell, Sam." Fully 500 people were present and were entertained with music by the Hamilton orchestra and O'Brien & McCauley's giant phonograph. Everybody shook hands with Mr. Lucas and bid himself and family Godspeed and unbounded happiness and prosperity to come. It was an affecting scene that brought tears to many eyes when Sam Lucas, who has been everybody's friend, arose bashfully to respond. His heartfelt avowal that he loved them all was keenly appreciated by those present.

Grouped about Mr. Lucas and Mayor McCrackin on the stage were a number of friends. The mayor briefly and in well chosen words made the presentation. Mr. Lucas responded as follows, receiving a continual ovation:

Dear Friends—I do not know what to say on this occasion or how to thank my friends for this beautiful watch, except that I love you all and it almost breaks my heart to leave you. I am going away tomorrow, going back to old Kentucky, but I am not going to say good-bye to the people of Hamilton and Bitter Root valley. I have lived in the South and in the East, but I feel that the people of Montana are the best people on earth. So I won't say good-bye, for I am coming back. I am going to take my little Bitter Root flowers (his children) back to Kentucky and make them a home, and then I am coming back to see you all, for I love you and I want to meet you again.

On Saturday morning Mr. Lucas and family left for the South, going direct to New Orleans. From there they will go to Tennessee and then to Kentucky to reside.

NOTICE.

All persons having stock in the Western Loan & Savings Co., of Salt Lake, will pay their monthly installments to F. J. Morris, Hamilton, Montana, on or before the 22d day of each month and avoid fines.

F. J. MORRIS.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

REGULAR REPORTS OF HAPPENINGS IN VALLEY TOWNS.

TERSELY TOLD IN NEWSY LETTERS TO THE COUNTY PAPER FROM THE WESTERN NEWS' CORPS OF ALERT CORRESPONDENTS.

VICTOR.

Special correspondence to the Western News.

VICTOR, MONT. JAN., 30.—McVey & Cleary have moved their saw mill to upper Bear creek and will be ready for sawing next week.

G. F. Talmadge, District Claim Agent for N. P. R. R. was in town Wednesday.

County Clerk and Recorder, H. D. Smart was down from Hamilton Friday.

H. P. Kennett left for Helena Friday morning.

The quarantine has been raised from C. M. Olders'.

Miss Virginia McCrackin drove down from Hamilton with Miss Olds Saturday returning Sunday.

Mrs. V. Staffan of Helena is visiting her son L. E. Staffan.

A. L. Johnston of Hamilton was in town on business Monday.

H. L. Kemp representing the Missoula Nursery has been interviewing the Victor ranchers during the past week.

Rev. Haynes of Stevensville is visiting in and around Victor this week.

Mr. Archie McIntire and Miss Mary Van Dorn surprised their friends by going to Hamilton Saturday and being united for life. The happy couple returned home Saturday.

E. T. Baker and H. W. Flanagan of Stevensville were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Lindsay of Stevensville were in town to-day.

Mrs. Thompson and family have moved into the rooms vacated by Mowatt & White butcher shop.

CORVALLIS.

Special correspondence to the Western News.

CORVALLIS, MONT., JAN. 30.—The evening's entertainment given by Messrs. Walter Cole and Russell Smithy, Friday, Jan. 26, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cole in East Corvallis was the most enjoyable affair of the season. Sumptuous refreshments were served at 12 o'clock after which the young people again indulged in the pleasures of the evening for a short time and then retired to their respective homes. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Sizemore, Lockwood; Misses Lulu Pond, Frankie Lyne, Agnes Johnson, Julia, Rebecca and Grace Printz, Laura Neafus, Elsie Stanley, Nora Smithy, Helen White; Messrs. John Slack, Will Lockwood, Will Walker, Roy Myers, Bob Johnson, Tom Smithy, Harry Neafus, Tom White, Frank Printz, Glen Ensign, Jamie Lear, Cliff and Milt Husted, Lamar Chaffin, Robert Myers, J. Kentner, Charlie Sawyer, L. Carl, Marshall Appleberry, Marion Meadows and T. Carl.

Mrs. W. D. Lear and Mrs. J. L. Robbins returned from Missoula Saturday evening, after a week's visit.

Mrs. G. W. Dougherty and daughter went to Missoula Saturday to visit Miss Rie Dougherty who is attending school.

Mr. B. C. Black and family have found comfortable quarters in Hamilton and will move from Corvallis this week.

Rev. Burton, of Louisville, Ky., has been assisting Rev. Hubbs in a protracted meeting at the Methodist church.

The Corvallis schools and friends will give an entertainment in the near future. One of the leading features of the program will be, "Why I Never Married," by the young ladies and gentlemen of Corvallis. The date is indefinite at present.

Readers of the News having any weaknesses of vision or suffering from frequent headaches will learn something to their advantage by calling on Dr. Corkins, eye specialist of Chicago, on his arrival in Hamilton, Feb. 12th. Free examination. 2t.

For Sale.

A commodious residence with a block of ground. Well set in small fruit orchard and shade trees, in Corvallis, together with a choice forty acre tract of land near the town containing hay and pasture and ten acres set in carefully selected fruit trees. A good water right in a river ditch. For particulars confer with or address Rev. E. J. Stanley, Corvallis, Montana. 2t.