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## SALUTATORY.

At a diversity of favorable and  
circumstances and unavoi-  
delays in getting the necessary  
equipment pertaining to the pub-  
lishing of a newspaper, shipped here  
from the East, we present our first  
issue to the public, hoping that our  
effort will be appreciated, and prove  
a material benefit to our camp, the  
mines and surrounding country.

We have started this publication at  
solicitation of the mining and  
business interests of the Warm Springs  
country,  
District and the east end of  
Meagher County, and propose to make  
our sheet not only a newspaper but  
a large portion of it devoted to min-  
ing, grazing and agriculture.

We earnestly solicit the co-opera-  
tion and generous aid of the mining  
business interests of this locality  
and country, and we will  
be able to successfully fill the  
field we have chosen, and make the  
MINERAL ARGUS an exponent of the  
vast diversity of resources that here  
abound, and particularly the great  
mineral interests.

We shall aim to be independent in  
our politics, supporting none but the best  
and shall reserve the  
right to criticize the party in power  
for parties aspiring to power, as no  
party or faction has any claim on us.  
We are here to build up the material  
and social interests of this region, but  
we are champions of no clique or ring.  
We feel confident of the ultimate  
success of our venture and know that  
the benefits to be derived to the busi-  
ness interests here and elsewhere are  
beyond computation.

## A BANK WANTED.

There is greatly in need of a good  
banking house, doing a regular bank-  
ing business. The inaugurators of  
such an establishment in our town are  
and to do a large and constantly  
expanding business. A great portion  
of the employes of the various mines  
paid off in drafts, and to readily  
convert these drafts into U. S. cur-  
rency the holders would gladly pay  
about the money changers ask.  
The merchants and business  
men, and would appreciate  
the advantages derived, as it  
would save the risks and delays in  
conveying money in registered letters,  
and the necessity of keeping on  
hand a great amount of ready cash,  
on which a secure place for such as  
to office safe, for monies, chat-  
tels, in case of fire. The field is  
embracing Maiden, Ft. Magin-  
niss, and several towns  
within a radius of twenty miles and  
is a good paying venture.

## HOTEL WANTED.

A good hotel in Maiden  
with more apparent  
facilities are crowded  
and the citizens,  
it being as good  
a place, not only  
for people in  
and bed all

Bismarck is to have another even-  
ing paper. What with the Tribune,  
Advertiser, the new deal and the tel-  
e-graph operators still out, the citizens  
of that berg ought to be happy.

And now some papers are unkind  
enough to intimate that President  
Arthur's trip to the National Park is  
an advertising scheme in the interest  
of that resort.

In this our first issue we have en-  
deavored to give as near a full and con-  
cise description of the Warm Springs  
mining district as space would allow.  
A large number of locations had to be  
omitted, but we intend to make men-  
tion of all in succeeding issues.

Next week we propose to give a  
full and minute description of the  
camp, the number and class of busi-  
ness houses represented, and its early  
history down to date.

It will be of material benefit to our  
camp to get this and the next issue as  
widely circulated as possible, and the  
business men should see to it that these  
two issues reach parties desiring infor-  
mation in regards to the mining dis-  
trict and camp.

"What's in a name?" In naming  
a newspaper, generally, the place, in  
which it is established, the surrounding  
country, or one or another of the in-  
dustries or resources decide the ques-  
tion. The Mineral News was decided  
upon, but before the heading was  
plated, G. K. Barnes, general passen-  
ger and ticket agent of the Northern  
Pacific road, suggested the substitution  
of "Argus" as preferable to "News."  
The suggestion was adopted, and we  
trust the MINERAL ARGUS will be the  
direct cause of bringing many more  
than one hundred eyes to see the  
mineral that is to be found in every  
rock, mountain side and stream bed.

## MONTANA NEWS.

Helena is to have an artesian well.  
Billings has organized a rifle club.  
Galatin Valley crop prospects are  
excellent.

The new national bank block in  
Helena will cost \$30,000.

The Drum Lummon Tunnel has ad-  
vanced 335 feet into the mountain.

There were nine failures in Montana  
during the first six months of this  
year.

There is great excitement over new  
mineral discoveries at Snow Creek in  
the Montana district.

Miles City has formed an artesian  
well company. Billings and Bozeman  
are awake in the same direction.

The Castner mine, in the Barker  
district, has for shipment 40,000 bars  
of bullion, weighing 100 pounds each.

The Helena and Deer Lodge stage  
was stopped by road agents on the  
night of July 28th. The robbers have  
since been captured.

William Rigney, a notorious layout  
man, was lynched at Miles City on the 22d  
ult., for housebreaking, with intent to  
assault a female inmate.

Drum Lummon mine has a new  
60-stamp mill in transit between Deer  
Lodge and the mine. It is said to be  
one of the finest mills ever built.

Acting Secretary of the Interior  
Oslyn, has rendered a decision in favor  
of Barret in the case of Barret vs.  
Llaney, involving the title of a quarter  
section.

Hon. Martin Maginnis has gone  
East. He will shortly return with the  
Congressional Committee to negotiate  
with the Indian tribes of Montana for  
a reduction of their reservations.

A petition is being circulated at  
Miles City, urging the secretary of the  
interior to take steps toward competi-  
ng the Crow Indians to keep on their  
reservation, and likewise to prevent  
the Cheyennes from committing dep-  
redations on the stock belonging to  
the settlers on the upper Rosebud  
and Tongue rivers.

A commemorative monument is to  
be erected at Fort Keogh in memory  
of "the officers and soldiers killed, or  
who died of wounds received in the  
Territory of Montana while clearing  
the district of the Yellowstone of  
hostile Indians. It is 5 feet 6 inches  
high, of a beautiful redish hue, and  
will be a fit tribute to their memory.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Capt. Webb's body has been found  
at Cairo and Calcutta are cursed with  
cholera, hundreds dying daily.

St. Louis coopers are out on a  
strike to the number of 225.

The great telegraph strike still hangs  
fire, both sides fully determined to stay  
to the bitter end.

The Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis  
Railway is bankrupt and stockholders  
have called for a receiver.

Kitson's big mare defeated St. Jul-  
ien, Edwin Thorne and Trinket in  
Cleveland, on the 2d inst. Time 2:17 1/2

James Carey, the informer, was  
killed recently by one O'Donnell.  
There is great joy in Ireland over his  
sudden taking-off.

Some miscreant hurled a stone  
through the car window at President  
Arthur while en route to Louisville.  
The president seemed much alarmed.

The first professional rowing regatta  
on the waters of Lake Minnetonka,  
participated in by Homer, Hanlan,  
Leenan and Lee, was won by Hanlan  
in twenty-three minutes and three  
seconds.

The Louisville Exposition was  
thrown open to the people August 1st.  
In like manner with Grant at the  
Centennial, President Arthur started  
the ball by opening the throttle valve  
to the motive power.

Sunday, July 29th, the finest archi-  
tectural structure in Minneapolis, known  
as the "Syndicate Block," was par-  
tially destroyed by fire. The building  
cost over \$500,000 and was finished  
this spring. Loss on building and  
stock amounts to \$490,000.

Last week a disastrous earthquake  
destroyed a large portion of the Island  
of Ischia, in the Mediterranean sea, and  
the cities of Casamicciola, Fario and  
Lecco were entirely engulfed. Three  
thousand people lost their lives, and  
a large number who sought safety in the  
sea were drowned.

## MAGINNIS ON MONTANA.

In a brief chat with a Chicago Tri-  
bune representative, Mr. Maginnis, who,  
with Congressman Haskell of Kansas,  
has been invited to accompany the  
senate committee, consisting of Sen-  
ators Dawes, Logan, Cameron of Wis-  
consin, Morgan and Vest, explained that  
the practical extinction of the buffalo  
had made it necessary to do something  
for the Indians who were no longer able  
to subsist by hunting. A large part of  
the reservations—especially that of the  
Sioux—consisted of hunting lands,  
while another portion were well fitted  
for agricultural and grazing pursuits.  
The government's design was to pur-  
chase a portion of the reservations,  
open them up to settlement and leave  
the Indians in possession of some of the  
lands so well adapted for cattle raising.  
There is already a treaty with the Sioux  
which provides for those purchases by  
the government and the object of the  
committee's investigation was to look  
into all the details of the question, visit  
the different reservations, and report  
upon the advisability and extent of the  
reductions. The probable route of the  
committee, he thought would be from  
here to St. Paul and thence west over  
the Northern Pacific through the Da-  
kota and Montana reservations—a trip  
which would probably consume a month  
and perhaps longer.

"You are talking out in Montana  
about seeking admission as a state, are  
you not?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, yes; we have been discussing  
that question for some time, and will  
elect a constitutional convention for  
that purpose, which is to meet next  
winter."

"Have you the requisite population?"

"No specific number of people is  
required. The matter is one which is  
left wholly to the discretion of congress,  
and as such it becomes a purely polit-  
ical question."

"What do you think of the pros-  
pects?"

"It is generally considered doubtful  
whether a Democratic congress will  
admit either Dakota or Montana, and  
the argument they use is that it would  
be poor policy to admit a Territory  
which would probably send two mem-  
bers to Washington and increase the  
electoral college. That's the point of the business  
and you can judge of Montana's pros-  
pects of admission about as well as I

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