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AGENTS FOR VAL BLAZ' MILWAUKEE
BEER.

Billings, Montana.

MONTANA NEWS.

Livingston has a new theatre.

The weekly Helena Herald is now
the largest paper in Montana.

It is estimated that the next general
assessment of Montana will reach
\$70,000,000.

"Swift Bill" the legless fruit peddler,
of Helena, died recently from an over-
dose of morphine.

The snow shed at the eastern end
of Bozeman tunnel is now completed.
It is 676 feet in length.

Parties coming from Heron Siding
say it is impossible to go to the Coeur
d'Alene mines a present.

The stringency of the money market
and the abundance of one bit saloons
are the reasons given for closing up
John Smith's costly establishment in
Bozeman—Billings Herald.

X. S. Burke, an old time newspaper
man of the Black Hills, passed through
Bozeman this morning en route to the
Coeur d'Alene mines. He says that he
represents 2,000 miners who will fol-
low him in the spring.—Chronicle.

The Northern Pacific land depart-
ment reports the following sales for the
month of December: Eastern divi-
sion, 53,176 acres for \$150,090, town
lots, \$2,136; Western division, 15,529
acres, for \$65,459, town lots, \$775.
The sales for the year ending Dec. 31,
were: 684,608 acres for \$2,920,319;
town lots, \$300,000.

The town of Billings has more cause
to regret Frederick Billings' failure to
secure the presidency of the N. P.
Railroad, than any town in Montana.
With Billings in the chair his namesake
would have received an everlasting
impetus, as the gentleman from pride
would have officially helped it, and
thereby influenced and secured the aid
of many friends.—Chronicle.

Benny Phillips, of Wolf creek reports
a total of 62,432 bushels of grain
threshed by his machine this last fall.
The fastest day's run was made at Joe
Cobell's, some 1,500 bushels being
shelled out in nine hours. Joe had
the largest crop threshed by the ma-
chine, being 5,337 bushels. The larg-
est crop raised in the Judith Basin was
that of Geo. Dewees, on Wolf creek, it
being 2,486 bushels.—River Press.

A man named Donald Mitchell was
brought to Bozeman last night, and
now lingers in jail, being unable to
obtain \$2,000 bail, and thereupon will
have to await the action of the grand
jury. Mitchell is charged with the
seduction of Miss Maud Snider, of
Livingston, a young girl just blooming
into womanhood, on the night of Jan-
uary 2nd. When arrested Mitchell
was about to take the east-bound train
to join his wife.—Chronicle.

A new and still shorter route to the
mines is reported to have been found.
The starting point is at Prospect creek,
some twenty miles east of Trout creek
on the Northern Pacific. An old
Indian trail extends up the creek and
over the divide to the mining region.
The summit is reported to be lower
than via Trout creek, and the distance
some shorter. Sheriff Berry, who
knows much about the country, be-
lieve this route will be the shortest of
any that can be made.—Missoula Times.

Clark, the Assiniboine stage driver,
brings in the news that the government
has ordered all persons who are now
cutting wood for the government on
the reservation, to proceed at once to
Fort Assiniboine, draw what pay is
due them and leave the reservation at
once. This will throw some seventy
men out of employment in the dead
of winter and cause considerable hardship.
According to the latest rumors the
military have determined that every
white man not an employe of the gov-
ernment, or connected with the post
in some way, shall leave the reservation.
The ordering out of the wood-choppers,
who were there under contract, looks
very much like it, at any rate.—Rec'd.

A New Ruling.

The general land office is constantly
requiring a stricter observance of the
letter of the law, and is not as liberal
as formerly in the interpretation of its
rules:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
General Land Office,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1, 1883.

TO REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS:

Gentlemen:—The practice of allow-
ing parties making a homestead or
timber-culture entry credit for the fee
and commission paid by them on a

cancelled prior entry is discontinued.

The fee and commission paid on
entries of the above mentioned char-
acter cancelled for conflict, or because
they have been erroneously allowed
and cannot be confirmed, will be repaid
to the proper parties upon their mak-
ing application therefor, as provided in
the second section of the act of con-
gress, approved June 16, 1880, en-
gaged in circular instructions of Aug. 6th,
1880.

Applications for the repayment of
the above fees and commissions must
conform to the requirements of para-
graphs 11, 13 and 14 of circular of
August 6, 1880, but the affidavit required
in the last paragraph of number 14,
will be dispensed with.

N. C. McFARLAND, Commissioner.

Approved:
H. M. TELLER, Secretary.

Solid Silver.

The Solid Silver Mining Co., of New
Mexico, recently had a mill run off a
few tons of their high grade ore, which
shows how wonderfully rich the ore is.
Three tons (net) \$33,000, two tons
(net) \$36,000; total for five tons,
\$69,000. From all we can learn the
Solid Silver M. Co. has got the richest
silver mine in the world. The deepest
shaft is now down 325 feet, and the
amount of ore of a high grade is
almost fabulous.—Mining Review.

Bonding Mining Properties.

Among many owners of properties
there exists a certain antipathy to bond-
ing the claims. As against a certain
class this antipathy is well founded. In
every camp are men who seek to obtain
the control of properties, by bond or
otherwise, who have no money them-
selves, neither can they command any.
This class should be left severely alone.
On the other hand, we have men who
desire to purchase property for them-
selves or to find a purchaser, and who,
under favorable circumstances, will
consummate what they undertake. These
men, when they do undertake an
enterprise of this kind, wish to be in a
position whereby if they accomplish
anything that they may have the bene-
fit of their efforts. Such men should be
encouraged. Owners should deal liber-
ally with them. They will find it to their
interest to do so. A reasonable length
of time should be given them in which
to take the property themselves or find
a purchaser. No exorbitant "bonus",
as it is termed, or even none at all,
should be demanded. Most owners of
mining property expect to realize
on the sale of property, not from its
production, many of them being too
poor to place it on a productive basis.
When the right kind of a man is found,
who is willing to spend his time and
money in consummating a sale, that
should be sufficient bonus for him to
risk, while the owner should regard the
chances of a sale sufficient consideration
for giving a man control of the prop-
erty. It is to the interest of all to en-
list in any mining camp the aid of out-
side capital. It is the only way where-
by a large number of properties can be
placed upon a paying basis, thus giving
that prosperity which can only be se-
cured by a large production of ore. So
long as men will stand in their own
light by not placing themselves in the
proper position to consummate a sale
to capitalists, just so long will they fail
to realize anything from their prop-
erties; just so long will we have un-
productive properties which a little outside
aid would make productive. We do
not wish to be understood as advising a
reckless bonding of claims to any man
that presents himself, but if the right
man does, do not hesitate to give him a
chance, thereby adding to your own
chances of wealth as well as to the
prosperity of the camp.

List of Advertised Letters.

Advertised letters remaining in the
postoffice at Maiden, Meagher county,
Montana, for the month ending Decem-
ber 31st, 1883:

Ambrose, John C. North, Arthur I., 5,
Alexander, Z. W. Obner, Frank, 2,
Adams, Sarah, Miss. Olsen, Louis,
Creely, Ed. Pocsman, Ben,
Clark, J. J. Pelletier, Joseph,
Dessery, Julia, Mrs. Vener, Baptiste,
Glab, F. Wilkinson, E. P.,
Lorry, Joseph. West, Jack D.,
Lowell, Pesley R. Whetsler, Bill,
Myler, Boon. Whalen, Thomas,
Murphy, E. L.

When called for please say advertised,
J. W. BERT, P. M.

LEGAL BLANKS.

The following justice blanks can be found at this
office, or will be sent to any address on receipt of
order by mail: Undertaking in Replevin, Notice
of Appeal, Search Warrant, Undertaking in Attach-
ment, Undertaking on Appeal from Fine and Im-
prisonment, Verdict, Carver's Subpoena, Affidavit
for Attachment, Warrant of Arrest, Bond of Ap-
pearance of Witness held to Testify, Bail Bond,
Bond to keep the Peace, Judgement of Imprison-
ment by the Court, Recognizance, Mittimus on
Examination, Summons, Writ of Attachment,
Warrant of Attachment of Defaulting Juror, Un-
dertaking on Claim and Delivery of Personal Prop-
erty, Notice of Attachment, Subpoena, Coroner's
Warrant of Arrest. All the above blanks for sale
at the price of 25 cents each, or \$1.00 per dozen.
All the various forms of mining blanks will be
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