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LEWISTOWN, MONT., Dec. 28, 1906.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The people of Lewistown and Fergus county, in looking back over the past twelve months, find every reason to be entirely satisfied with the progress made, and they salute the dawning year with the certain knowledge that it will bring to this section a greater measure of material prosperity, development and general advancement than has ever been experienced in all the past.

If there were no promise in the future other than the continuance of the advance made during the past year, the outlook would look bright indeed.

Fergus county has turned out this year over 300,000 bushels of milling wheat of the finest quality and an immense supply of other grains, while 50 per cent more land has been placed under cultivation than had known the plow one year ago.

Still it is in Lewistown, perhaps, that the progress made by the whole county has been most plainly seen. In the additions to the population, in the volume of trade done by our merchants, in the value of the improvements made and in the awakening of a spirit of civic pride the past year has been a record breaker.

Yet all this, for both the city and the county, is but a happy augury of the coming year. The building of two great transcontinental lines of railway across Fergus is of such transcendent importance that we cannot yet grasp all that it means to us.

The outlook for Lewistown for the coming year is especially bright. It will bring the realization of many long cherished hopes and we believe that everyone will find a new meaning in the greeting this season of "A Happy New Year."

FOR A WOLF HUNT.

Very little complaint has been heard during the past year of the depredations of wild animals in Fergus county. Whether this is due to the fact that "wolfers" have been more active in their quest for stock-destroying animals, or because there are fewer cattle and sheep on the open range for the animals to prey upon, we know not.

A Havre dispatch states that not for many years have the wolves been so numerous or so rapacious as they are upon the range of that section this year, the animals even venturing into the environs of Havre. Owing to their number and boldness a wolf hunt is being organized in that city to be pulled off the first week in January.

The hunt or chase will be conducted under a stockgrowers' association which has been formed for the purpose of exterminating the pest which at present threatens total annihilation of the colt and calf crop of the year.

In connection with the chase the association established a schedule of bounties for individual hunters—offering \$20 per head for the scalps of female wolves; \$10 per head for the scalps of male wolves, and \$2 per head for the scalps of pups; the pelt to remain in the ownership of the slayer.

Woflers in Chouteau, Valley and Teton counties are expected to participate in the chase and there is said to be a great demand in Havre for firearms and traps in anticipation of the event.

A chase of this character will at least afford considerable sport whether the death-list of stock-destroying animals is large or not.

According to C. A. Prouty, member of the interstate commerce commission, the most important effect of the new railroad rate law has been the reducing of passenger rates east of Pittsburgh and north of the Ohio river and in other communities, to two cents a mile.

While a great majority of congressmen find it difficult to live in Washington on a salary of \$5,000 a year and would vote to increase their compensation but for fear of the effect it would have on their constituents, some men apparently seek the office for the honors accompanying it, and are not concerned about the pay.

Attorney General Galen recently rendered an opinion on a matter that has frequently come up in the various counties of the state, and that is as to the right of a person to hold more than one office.

The Japanese question on the Pacific coast is likely to develop one or more Dennis Kearneys. The feeling against the "little brown men," especially in San Francisco is intense. Suggestions of naturalization only adds fuel to the flame.

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Why Refer to Doctors

Because we make medicines for them. We tell them all about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and they prescribe it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption. They trust it. Then you can afford to trust it.

Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, is urging early consideration of a service pension bill which it is estimated would make necessary an additional appropriation of \$10,714,000 to pay the increased rate for soldiers of the civil war now on the rolls.

That the present railway systems of the country are not adequate in trackage and equipment to meet the commercial demands of the country is admitted by J. J. Hill. To relieve the situation he suggests that the railroads spend \$5,000,000,000, at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 a year, in buying equipment, putting double tracks in the place of a single track, four tracks where now are two and in putting in new switches and enlarging terminals.

E. Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, breaks into notoriety again by denouncing the Salvation Army relief work, declaring that his charity dinners are vicious and tend to pauperize. The occasion for his fulminations was the planning of a Christmas dinner for the poor of Lincoln by the captain of the army.

The supreme court of the United States has advanced the argument in the Montana bond case to January 7. This advancement was asked for and granted in order that it might be possible to get a decision on the case while the state legislature is in session.

While the weather and range conditions are not unfavorable to stock in Fergus county, the situation is becoming alarming in the eastern part of the state. Reports from the Big Dry and the Missouri slope country state that the snow is now 30 inches deep on the level.

President Roosevelt's message on the Panama canal was a very lucid and comprehensive state paper, showing that he lost no time in gathering information as to the actual condition of things along the canal zone.

The Dally Record thinks that with Montana's great crop of potatoes the state might well emulate Holland and Germany in the use of denatured alcohol for fuel. For the last two years the Montana potato crop has not been large. Alcohol extracted from potatoes worth \$1.50 per hundred would hardly prove a paying proposition.

The Billings Daily Journal, the new candidate for public favor, has made its appearance. The Journal is Republican in politics and is published by Gilluly & Beedle. The Journal starts with a good advertising patronage and is replete with matter of local interest. It covers the evening field in the "magic city."

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There are more than 225,000 miles of railroad tracks in the United States and yet there is not sufficient trackage, motive power nor cars to meet the rapidly growing needs of the country.

August Belmont does not think much of the proposed income tax. It was hardly expected that he would look upon it with favor. There are others in his class.

Santa Claus was obliged to peel his ulster and get a shave before he could visit all the little ones in Lewistown.

It was a warm Christmas for Montans. Of course, we have reference to the weather.

We extend a happy New Year to all of the old and new patrons of the Argus.

All of the daily papers of the state published most creditable Christmas numbers.



No. 1390 Drew the Diamond Ring given away by SUTTER BROS.

The drawing took place on Christmas afternoon before a large crowd of representative customers. There being 6,000 tickets in the box. The plan adopted for our drawing was to have 50 tickets drawn out—the 50th ticket drawing the ring. Miss Grace Brewer drew the numbers out of the box which were noted down in consecutive order. The 50th ticket, No. 1390 was held by F. W. Henley, of The Fergus County Hardware.

Patrick Escapes Death Sentence.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Sentence of Albert T. Patrick has been commuted to life imprisonment. In announcing the commutation, Governor Higgins issued the following memoranda: "Albert T. Patrick has been convicted of the murder of William M. Rice, and the judgment of conviction has been affirmed by a divided court. It is not claimed that Patrick committed the murder in person, but that he procured the act to be done."

Patrick's brother-in-law, John T. Mullen, of St. Louis, is said to have financed Patrick's fight for freedom, at great cost. It is known here that Patrick intends to continue his efforts to establish his innocence.

A companion play to "The Girl From the Golden West" will be given at opera house Monday, January 7th, under the personal direction of Wm. Edgar Graham, the same gentleman who just put on "Under Two Flags."

Evelyn C. Taylor yesterday brought suit in the district court against Ed. W. Taylor to obtain a decree of divorce, failure to support being the ground alleged. The parties were married at Blanco, Iowa, in September, 1899. The plaintiff also asks that she be restored to her maiden name, Evelyn Cole, Worden & Scott are Mrs. Taylor's attorneys.

Policeman—What are you doing out at 2 o'clock in the morning? Late hours at opera house Monday, January 7th, rather be arrested than go home at this hour of the night.—Detroit Free Press.

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Joe Gans issued his ultimatum to Battling Nelson yesterday. The colored champion said: "This will be my last fight unless Nelson will come to my terms. Weight must be 133 ring side, with the one weighing. I shall get 65 per cent of the purse, win, lose or draw. I am entitled to this consideration. If Nelson does not want to agree to these terms he will never get a fight with me."

DESSERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—Notice for publication.—United States Land Office, Lewistown, Montana, Dec. 27, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that ERNEST C. BUSCH, assignee of William G. Ruzler of Lewistown, Montana, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 2184, for the sw 1/4 nw 1/4, nw 1/4 sw 1/4, sec 27, T. 16 N., R. 19 E., Mont. P. M., before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Montana, on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that ERNEST C. BUSCH, assignee of Amos J. H. Heldemann, of Lewistown, has filed notice of his intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 2185, for the se 1/4 ne 1/4, e 1/2 se 1/4, sec 34, tp 14 n, r 19 e, and lot 1, sec 3, tp 13 n, r 19 e, Mont. P. M., before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Montana, on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1907.



JUST ARRIVED! Cutters And... Bob Sleds. We have just received two carloads of Bob Sleds, Cutters, Runners, for attaching to Buggies, Etc., Etc. They are going fast and if you are in need of anything in this line don't miss this rare opportunity. BOB SLEDS. Our line of Christmas Goods is complete as usual and we invite you to inspect our Cut Glass, China, Silverware, Etc. Make our store your headquarters when in town. Judith Hardware Co. Lewistown, Mont.

Bank of Fergus County LEWISTOWN, MONTANA. makes loans on from one day to one years time; also negotiates real estate loans on from one year to five years time. All lines of commercial banking transacted to your advantage and satisfaction. Accounts received subject to check. Interest paid on Savings Deposits. S. S. Hobson, President. F. E. Wright, Vice President. Austin W. Warr, Cashier.

Pure Drugs! CIGARS and TOBACCO SCHOOL SUPPLIES STATIONERY FINE CANDIES. Prescriptions Compounded by Registered Pharmacist. Phillips Drug Co. LEWISTOWN

Stock Directory. C. M. GOODSELL, owner of the following brand, (quarter circle T) on right shoulder. J. S. HOBSON, owner of the following brands: U on right shoulder; also H on left shoulder or thigh. Cattle branded 1 2 left ribs Also J M on left ribs; also on left shoulder. Ranch, near Utica, Ranch, between Judith and Wolf creeks. F. O. address, Utica. J. S. MATHER, owner of the following brands: on left hip, on right hip. Range on Upper Judith River. Postoffice, Utica Montana. DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—Notice for publication.—United States Land Office, Lewistown, Montana, Dec. 27, 1906. Notice is hereby given that ERNEST C. BUSCH, assignee of Amos J. H. Heldemann, of Lewistown, has filed notice of his intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 2185, for the se 1/4 ne 1/4, e 1/2 se 1/4, sec 34, tp 14 n, r 19 e, and lot 1, sec 3, tp 13 n, r 19 e, Mont. P. M., before the register and receiver at Lewistown, Montana, on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1907. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Jacob Sanford, of Rogers, Wilbur Bennett, George Phillips, Jennie A. Fulton, of Lewistown, Montana. C. E. MCKOIN, Register. First publication December 28.

A Happy New Year To One and All. We take this means of expressing our gratitude to the public for the generous patronage we have received the past season, and we take pleasure in stating, that we are better prepared for the future to supply all your wants in the grocery line, than ever and solicit a continuance of your valued patronage, and are free to say that we will get it if courteous treatment and quality of goods will do it. A. Hopkins & Sons Pure Food Grocers.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—Estate of William Pierson, deceased: Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of William Pierson, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at Stanford, or to his attorney, Rudolf von Tobel, a Lewistown, in the county of Fergus, Montana. Dated at Stanford, Fergus county, Mont., Dec. 4th, 1906. A. J. STOUGH, Administrator of the estate of William Pierson, deceased. First publication Dec. 7.