

TERSE TOWN TALK.

Jewett L. Miskimin, the jeweler. Henry Renneberg returned Monday from a business trip to Billings.

Dr. J. M. Fox returned home Wednesday from a trip to St. Paul. Tomorrow is Easter Sunday. An early Easter is said to indicate an early spring.

John Chapman came in from his Heart mountain ranch Tuesday and went down to Billings. The congregational concert, announced to be repeated last Saturday evening, was indefinitely postponed.

Attorney W. F. Meyer went down to Billings again last Tuesday to attend to business in the district court. The school children have been enjoying a vacation this week preparatory to the opening of the spring term, which begins next Monday.

Harry Orr and Dave McFall are preparing to go into the sheep business on a large scale and will run their flocks on the Wyoming ranges. After waiting five long years, William Barclay of the "Hodo" ranch is at last the jubilant father of a young buckskin terrier, who arrived in his home last week.

The sofa cushion made by Mrs. Ella Dodge was raffled at the I. X. L. last Saturday by throwing dice. Forty-five won it, which was thrown for Miss Maggie McLean. J. H. Conrad & Co.'s house located partly on the site of the new Finlander hall, will be moved on a lot north of the bank. It is occupied by P. F. Hauley as a residence.

D. Hymonen, the Finlander who has been running a saloon in Lilly & Wall's old place, left town the first of the week, and it is said a number of his countrymen and several creditors mourn his departure. Twobig's beer hall, that popular resort presided over by Billy Laikin and Grauf Foster, has just been repaired and repaired throughout and the interior much improved. The work was done by E. B. Wortman.

Invitations are out for a social ball to be given at Blackburn's hall next Tuesday evening. The invitations bear the names of W. M. McIntyre, A. E. Burns and Charles Howard as the committee of arrangements. One merchant in the town informed on the other day that he was just waiting to see if the Cooke City road would be built before he laid in his spring stock of goods, and if it was not he would close out his stock and leave the town.

Services as usual in the M. E. church tomorrow morning. Sunday school at 12 m., class meeting at 3 p. m. The Bible class will meet Monday evening, prayer meeting Thursday evening, Junior Epworth league Friday at 4:30 p. m. The Red Lodge hog must go, the marshal having, by order of the council, posted notices to the effect that the live stock ordinance would be enforced after today. The provision with reference to hogs may cut some figure in the town election.

What's the matter with Matthew Watson for an alderman? He has the genuine aldermanic physique, and then the saloon men are entitled to representation on the board, as they are the heaviest taxpayers. It is believed Matthew could poll nearly every vote in his ward. The registration books for the town election were opened by Registry Agent Keyser Brown at the town hall Wednesday and closed at 9 o'clock last evening, when the names of 121 voters had been enrolled. The books will be open again next Saturday until 9 o'clock in the evening.

M. W. Potter tried his hand at safe blowing last Monday morning and proved himself an expert. The combination had got out of order and consequently the safe could not be opened. Giant powder did the work, blowing the door off its hinges. A new door has been ordered from Cincinnati. The special council meeting announced for last Saturday evening was not held owing to the fact that the town clerk, who carries the key to the hall, did not put in appearance. However, it is said the official ax has recently been sharpened and the head of a town officer may yet drop into the basket.

Ferdinand Freeman was married at Sacramento, Cal., at 4 o'clock last Sunday afternoon and was the recipient of a congratulatory telegram from his two brothers in Red Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman will arrive home early next month and go to housekeeping in Justice St. Clair's residence, who will move his family to the Rocky Fork farm. The money has all been subscribed and the contract let for building the bridge at Stillwater and the citizens of that thriving little burg are in high feather at the bright prospects for the future. But all this is no reason why the editor of the Bulletin should try to purloin that wagon road to Cooke City from Red Lodge.

Red Lodge is now getting far enough along as a town to afford a few sidewalks, at least in the business portion of the town. With about \$1,000 in the treasury and no public improvements made it begins to look as if incorporation was solely for the purpose of taxation. We believe it would be a good idea to have the aldermen nominated commit themselves on this proposition. At the election for check weighman at the mines for the ensuing three months, which was held at Blackburn's hall last Saturday evening, E. J. McLean, the present incumbent, was elected on the first ballot, receiving nine more votes than his two competitors combined, Robert Orr and Robert Hendry. This is the third successive time that Mr. McLean has been elected to the position, and some of his friends believe he is almost strong enough to run for mayor.

Sydney Fox of Helena is in town.

The mines worked ten days during the month of March. Alderman Bowen and family have been down this week with la grippe. C. A. Stanley left yesterday for Horr, where he has again accepted a position in the mines.

Dr. Butler of Park City was acquitted in Billings Wednesday of poisoning Wm. Miller. It was his second trial. George Marquette was in from the Stinking Water basin Thursday and loaded out yesterday morning with supplies. It is said that the order for coal for the Dakota division will make a day and a half more work per week for the miners.

The first mail from the east since Tuesday arrived yesterday, the delay being occasioned by washouts on the main line east of Glendive. Mrs. John Ray and children of Horr, former residents of Red Lodge, arrived in town Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Archie Landles.

The first eight carloads of coal ordered from Red Lodge for the Dakota division of the Northern Pacific went into the ditch in Wednesday's wreck. A valuable horse belonging to Henry Gebo stepped on a bottle Wednesday and severed an artery. It was taken to Weaver & Hall's barn and narrowly escaped bleeding to death.

M. L. Frost, of Sage Creek ranch, Wyo., was in town Thursday after spring supplies. Mr. Frost reports that travel has already set in quite briskly for the Wood river mining district. The Keene Hyllor Dramatic company, which played a week's engagement here last winter, disbanded last week in Kalispell. They met all their obligations and a benefit was tendered by the citizens.

The statement is made that the Cumberland smelter at Castle will be started up again in the near future, the difference between J. Kennedy Todd & Co. and Charles Severance having been amicably adjusted. Rt. Rev. L. R. Brewer, bishop of Montana of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will hold services at the M. E. church on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock. As the bishop visits Red Lodge only about once a year all who are interested in church work should attend.

Billy McMahon expects to leave town the first of the week to seek employment at his trade as a brick moulder. He is an expert in his line, is honest, straight forward and a hard worker, and will make a good citizen in any community. THE PICKET and his many friends in Red Lodge wish him success. Wm. H. Raspeberry has purchased Gurrell's restaurant and moved his family into the building it occupied. Mr. and Mrs. Raspeberry have had experience in the business in the east and will no doubt conduct a first-class establishment. Mr. Gurrell has moved his family into the building opposite Patrick Johnson's.

McCORMACK ORDERS. Fuel Inspector E. E. Escholtz informs THE PICKET that he has received orders for regular shipments of Red Lodge coal to the Dakota division of the Northern Pacific, making one division farther east than the coal has gone heretofore. SCHOOL REPORT. For the month ending March 21, 1893.

Table with 3 columns: No. in school, Days of absence, No. of tardiness. Rows for M. E. Church and S. P. School.

THE SCHOOL ELECTION. Three trustees are to be elected for this school district, No. 21, today, but up to last evening no caucus had been held and no candidates for the honor have been announced. Messrs. Bowen, Fleming and Price are the retiring members. It is understood that Mr. Price will be a candidate for re-election, but if the other members desire to serve they have not made it known to the public. ODD FELLOWS' BALL. Garfield lodge No. 36, I. O. O. F., has completed arrangements for a grand ball to be given in Blackburn's hall, Wednesday evening, April 26, and the following committees have been appointed: Arrangements—W. A. Talmage, R. F. Mitchell, W. J. Stratton. Reception—George Wallace, Robert Orr, James Cooper. Floor—Thos. H. Bailey, Robt. Ray, Jr., Frank Doran. Cook Room—Gilbert Patterson, Matthew Watson, Thos. Bailey, Robt. Ray, Sr.

PLACER IN WYOMING. Special to THE PICKET. ARLAND, Wyo., March 20.—There is considerable excitement here over a placer discovery in the vicinity of Washoe needles, south of this place about sixty five miles, but your correspondent would not advise people to rush in there until more is known about the camp. Several parties have gone from here to investigate and THE PICKET will be advised of the situation later. Parties are arriving here daily seeking homes. The spring is a little backward now, but range cattle are fat and in good condition. A SMALL FLOOD. Thursday there was a break in Maryott's irrigation ditch, in Patterson's gulch, above town, and water came pouring down through the town, making a river of Villard avenue and flooding all the property adjacent which happens to be a little lower than the street. The people who reside just southwest of Bowen's lumber yards were the principal sufferers, as they got the water from the streets, and in some instances it entered their houses. The flood continued until night, and while no serious damage was done it proved a great annoyance to the property owners in its course.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of Stockholders of the Red Lodge Republican Publishing Company. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Red Lodge Republican Publishing company was held at J. H. Conrad & Co.'s bank last Wednesday evening, Adolph Freeman, president of the board of directors in the chair, and H. C. Province, secretary and treasurer acting as clerk. Fifty-five of the 100 shares of stock in the company were represented, in person and by proxy. The call for the meeting was read and also a list of the stockholders, from the books of the secretary and treasurer, when the president read the following report: Report of the President of the Red Lodge Republican Publishing Company from April 5, 1892, to March 25, 1893. Gentlemen—On the 8th day of April, 1892, the board of directors of the company employed E. L. Boardman of Livingston as editor and manager under a contract of one year, to date from April 1. He was to receive for his services \$150 per month, and under his contract he was allowed to expend \$42 per week for labor as a maximum. His accounts show that he has not expended the maximum amount during the year by \$24.25, which sum he has saved for the company by performing much of the labor required, for which he received no extra compensation. Under the contract all debts exceeding \$50 were to be paid by the secretary and treasurer, on order of the manager, which rule has been carried out.

It must be remembered that when we assumed the management it was represented by Mr. Dilard that with the circulation and advertising the paper would have a monthly income of \$450, but myself and Mr. Province, after going over the books, found it was not so represented. It must also be remembered that there were no funds on hand and no look accounts, all accounts up to April 1, 1892, going to Mr. Dilard, the former owner of the paper. Therefore, on taking charge we had no debts about being able to make the business pay, as things in Red Lodge were very dull, and we realized that the company would have been incorporated for \$2,000 or \$3,500, in order to give us a cash balance to tide us over the dull times. However, had the promises of financial aid from the chairman of the Republican County Central committee been fulfilled, the paper would have made some money. Instead, our bill for advertising and job work during the campaign, amounting to \$80, still remains unpaid, and THE PICKET did not receive the financial aid accorded other papers in Park county.

Mr. Boardman has worked in thorough harmony with the directors and has made THE PICKET a staunch republican organ and a live local newspaper, proving himself competent in every particular. He has labored under many disadvantages, which are not necessary to recite in this report, and his course has at all times been heartily approved by the directors. His books have been carefully audited and found correct, and the financial condition of the company will be fully set forth in the report of the secretary and treasurer, to be read at this meeting. In closing, I would say that we are about to lose the services of Mr. Boardman, who some months ago announced the intention of starting in a new field with a paper of his own, and all we can say is that we wish him financial success in all his undertakings. Respecting, ADOLPH FREEMAN, President.

On motion the report was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes of the company. C. A. McMaster then offered a resolution "that the action taken and had by the board of trustees at the several meetings during the year, and now here read, and the same are hereby in all respects fully approved, ratified and confirmed." The resolution was unanimously adopted. On motion the meeting proceeded to the election of three trustees for the ensuing year, beginning April 1, 1893. P. E. Hauley and Matthew Watson were appointed as tellers and the first ballot resulted in the election of W. A. Lewis, L. R. Hunter and J. L. Maryott as trustees.

The report of the secretary and treasurer was then read, showing the financial condition of the company, and on motion was received and placed on file. The meeting then adjourned and the new board organized by electing W. A. Lewis president, and L. R. Hunter secretary and treasurer, Mr. Lewis being employed as editor and manager for the ensuing year. BIG HORN COUNTY. John Chapman informed us yesterday that people in his section are satisfied that the B & M road will build through the Big Horn Canyon the coming summer, follow up Stinking Water and traverse the basin by next fall, ready to push through the mountains on the other side at the opening of the following season. When the road comes through, he believes Big Horn county will at once be organized, and says the big town will likely be on Stinking Water at the hot sulphur springs. We nominate Mr. Chapman for the best office in the county. All as favors the motion say "hay!" IN THE DITCH. The Rocky Fork train, en route to Billings Wednesday afternoon, went into the ditch seven miles this side of Wilsey station, the accident being caused by the rails spreading. The engine turned clear over and seven cars were piled on top of it, Fireman Bessinger being pinned down in the cab, where he was severely scalded by escaping steam. Engineer Brown escaped without injury. In consequence of the wreck there was no train up Thursday, but she got in yesterday on time. The cars dived contained the first consignment of coal from Red Lodge to the Dakota division of the Northern Pacific. The engine is reported as being almost a total wreck.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The Grades Attained at the Close of the Winter Term. Below is given in tabulated form the result of the examinations in the public schools at the close of the term last week. In the third and fourth grades the general average of the pupils only is given, not specifying the various branches, while in the fifth and sixth the grades are given in each branch of study. No examinations were held in the high school on account of sickness of a majority of the pupils, it being deferred until the beginning of next term. THIRD GRADE. Eugene Province, 85; Lora Slattery, 82; Rachel Wood, 85; Katie Watson, 81; Gerie Watson, 83; James Lind, 79; Elmore McMaster, 81; Roy Dick, 77; Ino. Lomelberry, 81; Rose Lantry, 76; Annie Hily, 80; Chas. Simpson, 79; Lawrence Barr, 80; John McLean, 80. FOURTH GRADE. Walter Kay, 81; Thomas Ross, 82; Percella Close, 87; Walter Egan, 89; Gerie Watson, 83; James Lind, 79; Matt Ross, 85; Frank McMillan, 83; Harriet Hollend, 83; Chas. Story, 87; Bert Mahan, 87; Rola Boyer, 87. FIFTH GRADE—ARITHMETIC. Agnes Ross, 89; Mary Boyer, 82; Chas. Johnson, 88; Emma Mahan, 86; Mattie Crockett, 88; Grace Hobbs, 87; Maudie Gillen, 83; Ella Patterson, 85; Anna Johnson, 82. FIFTH GRADE—SPELLING. Ella Patterson, 80; Mattie Crockett, 79; John Johnson, 80; Mary Boyer, 80; Chas. Johnson, 88; Emma Mahan, 86; Anna Johnson, 82. FIFTH GRADE—GEOGRAPHY. Stella Province, 85; Emma Mahan, 71; Gerie Slattery, 81; Anna Johnson, 70; Chas. Johnson, 80; Mary Boyer, 70; Mattie Crockett, 83; Maudie Gillen, 83; Agnes Ross, 87; Ella Patterson, 85. FIFTH GRADE—LANGUAGE. Rena Province, 92; Mary Boyer, 86; Chas. Johnson, 88; Emma Mahan, 86; Grace Hobbs, 83; Ella Patterson, 85; John Johnson, 80; George Ray, 80; Mattie Crockett, 78. SIXTH GRADE—ARITHMETIC. James Crockett, 86; Winnie Slattery, 84; J. H. Holland, 83; Stella Province, 82; Mattie Crockett, 81; Roy McMaster, 80; Scott Mills, 82. SIXTH GRADE—SPELLING. Lela Temple, 88; Winnie Slattery, 84; Stella Province, 83; Scott Mills, 79; Polly Holland, 81; Grace Hobbs, 87. SIXTH GRADE—U. S. HISTORY. Lela Temple, 88; Winnie Slattery, 84; Stella Province, 83; Scott Mills, 79; Polly Holland, 81; Grace Hobbs, 87. SIXTH GRADE—ENGLISH GRAMMAR. Katie Patten, 83; Emma Province, 79; Mattie Watson, 84; Mary Bailey, 80; Winnie Slattery, 82; George Kunkin, 82; Scott Mills, 82; Josie Egan, 82. SIXTH GRADE—PHYSIOLOGY. Lela Temple, 85; Stella Province, 78; Winnie Slattery, 84; Scott Mills, 78; Polly Holland, 81; Grace Hobbs, 87.

THAT BIG HORN ROAD. The Project of Building a Road to the Basin Revived. From time to time during the past winter, THE PICKET has advocated building a good wagon road from Red Lodge direct to Clark's fork, to strike that stream at a point where the trade of the Big Horn basin can be diverted to Red Lodge instead of going to Billings via Pryor's gap. During the week, Charles Prince has been in town from Bear creek, and reports that about seventy families residing on Clark's fork are anxious for a direct road to Red Lodge that will avoid the bad lands, which the present road traverses. They are not only anxious for such a road, but will turn out with their teams and help construct it, and if the business men of Red Lodge will do their part the enterprise can be carried to a successful completion. The route now talked of proposes to follow the present road only to the top of the bench, then cross back of the Rocky Fork company's pasture down into the basin to Dry creek, following that stream to Clark's fork. It is said that most of the expensive work required will be on the hill descending to Dry creek, for the accomplishment of which several of the business men of the town have expressed a willingness to subscribe liberally. What the exact distance to Clark's fork will be, we have not been informed, but it will be shorter than the present road and avoid the bad lands and steep hills over which heavy freight wagons cannot travel. James Virtue proposes to take a number of the business men over the route tomorrow, and future movements will be reported in these columns. O'CONNOR RENOMINATED. Ward Caucuses for Aldermen to Be Held To-night. In response to a posted notice signed by Terrence Fleming, W. H. Crockett, Allen Farrell, J. H. Johnson, W. M. McIntyre and Samuel Taggart, a caucus was held in the town hall Monday evening to nominate a candidate for mayor. About twenty five persons were present, the crowd being about evenly divided politically, but politics did not enter into the proceedings. The meeting was called to order by T. C. Ross, S. C. Hunter was made chairman and W. J. Stratton clerk. The call was read, when the chair announced that nominations for mayor were in order. Alderman A. E. Flager nominated His Honor, Mayor Wm. O'Connor, the present incumbent. The nomination was seconded by town clerk T. C. Ross, and the nomination of Mayor O'Connor was carried unanimously, there being no other aspirants for the position. The meeting then adjourned. THE PICKET is requested to announce that caucuses will be held in the various wards this evening, Saturday, to nominate aldermen. The caucus of the first ward will be held in McIntyre's studio, the second ward in the town hall, and the third ward in Finlander hall. Very little interest is manifested in the municipal election and the indications at present are that there will be but one ticket in the field. Painless dentistry and thorough careful work performed by Dr. Featherston. Remember the date, April 17th, and a few days following.

A NEEDED IMPROVEMENT.

A Public Hall to Be Immediately Built in Red Lodge. Albert Badas, John and Leander Koski, Charles Nissla and Leander Riski, five of our prosperous Finlander citizens, have associated themselves together and completed arrangements to erect a two story frame building, 30x50 feet, on the town hall. The James Smith, next to the town hall. The James has been purchased for a consideration of \$650 and building operations will begin as soon as the lumber arrives. A. J. Egan to superintend the construction. The second story of the building will be used as a hall for secret societies and public meetings, while the ground floor will be fitted up as a store room. It will have a hardwood floor and plate glass front, and it is said will be occupied by one of our leading firms, but we are not authorized to make a positive statement to that effect. However, the hall facilities are badly needed in Red Lodge and the improvement will be one of a public nature and the investment should prove remunerative. ANOTHER ROAD TO COOKE. A Livingston Man Says One Will Be Built From Stillwater. If all the roads talked of in the last few months are built, Cooke City will be well supplied with transportation facilities. In the first place there is the road from Red Lodge. Then the B & M is pushing that way. Big Timber talks of building an electric road to the great carbonate camp via the Boulder, and besides the Clark's fork route Stillwater now comes to the front with a scheme for a wagon road which is explained in the following from last week's Bulletin: "We are informed that J. V. Nye recently received a letter from a reliable party of Livingston in which it was stated that a wagon road would be built from Cooke City to Stillwater, that money men were at the head of the project, that viewers had already gone to Cooke, and that as soon as the snow permitted the road would be laid out and work commenced. It seems that the long suffering miners of the New World district have become weary of waiting for the fulfillment of the false promises held out by Livingston, and have concluded to adopt the only practicable course to reach the outside world. We are reliably informed by parties who are perfectly familiar with the lay of the country between here and Cooke, that a good road on an easy grade can be made across the mountains, the cost of which would not exceed \$7,000. There is already a road from Stillwater to Nye and with the bridge across the Yellowstone, 'frighting' can be carried on at all times of the year, except perhaps, a short season when the deep snow in the mountains may interfere. If it is true, as stated, that coal of a good quality can be mined within six or eight miles of Stillwater, we need not be surprised to see smelters erected here in the near future for the reduction of the valuable ores of Cooke City. Aside from the great benefit that will be derived from such a road by the mine owners of that district, it will be a veritable bonanza for the town of Stillwater, as our revenues will be not only largely increased by the freighting alone, but by the vast amount of supplies that will be purchased here by the residents of that section."

For honest work in dentistry, wait till Dr. Featherston arrives, April 17th. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. A Sunday School Institute will be conducted in the church this evening at 8 o'clock by the Rev. W. S. Bell, of Helena. All interested in Sunday school work are specially invited to attend. Tomorrow morning a new Easter service prepared by Asa Hall, of New York, will be rendered by the Sunday school and choir at 11 o'clock. A Dedication Service will be held in the evening at 7:30, sermon by Rev. W. S. Bell, other parts by Rev. Wainman and the pastor. Everybody is cordially invited to these services and also to the special meetings which will be held every evening next week. An afternoon service will be held in the reading room tomorrow at 4 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Gospel Hymns used. NEW TRIALS GRANTED. The motion for new trials in the case of Charles Bloom and Charles Northup, convicted of murder in the second degree were sustained by Judge Henry in the district court yesterday, says the Livingston Enterprise of last Saturday. Two questions were involved in the motion, the sufficiency of the information and error in the court's instruction. In passing upon the cases Judge Henry stated that the question of sufficiency of the information was a doubtful one and were there no other grounds for sustaining the motion he would not grant a new trial. The instruction that is claimed to be erroneous is the same in both cases, and the defendants' counsel alleged that it took away from defendants their right to be judges of the appearance of danger to themselves as justification for the killing. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court by the counsel for the state, when the sufficiency of the information and the error in the instruction will be argued. If Judge Henry's decision is sustained a new trial will be proceeded with, and if overruled, Bloom and Northup will be sentenced upon the verdict as returned. Backless Arabia saives. The best saive in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by H. J. Armstrong & Co. Dentistry: Dr. Featherston will visit Red Lodge again April 17th for a few days. Office with Dr. McClanahan.

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