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A GAME WELL WON. Red Lodge Defeats Billings in a Well Played Game. The following letters remained unclaimed in the Red Lodge postoffice August 11, 1897: Bailey, Jeff; Davis, David; DeWalt, Frank; Elbery, W. C.; Murray, M. C.; Leviski, Martti; Lathrop, P. T.

A COLOSSAL KICK MADE. But it Was Too Late to Save the Game. The baseball "protesters" of this place were treated to a good game of ball on Sunday last. An excursion train with the Billings club and a number of enthusiasts piled into this city about 11 a. m., and from that moment until the umpire called "play ball" harmony reigned supreme.

Never in modern history have tales of wonderful rich gold discoveries been told as those appearing in recent news dispatches, and the mines whence the vast fortunes are to be dug are of all places in the world in Alaska. Very rich finds of gold and precious stones have been associated in our minds heretofore with warm countries, but it seems the rule is to be reversed in the Klondike goldfields.

Play was called at 2:15 p. m., with the Billings boys at the bat, who very quickly gave place to the home team, however, and they in a like manner were retired without getting anything to their credit, again was the same dose administered to both clubs as they went "to bat."

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It could have been prophesied that Mark Twain would refuse the offer so ostentatiously tendered him of a subscription fund to pay his debts and free him from poverty. Any man with the feeling of a man would have done the same. If Mr. James Gordon Bennett had quietly put his hand into his pocket and brought out \$10,000 and then as quietly proposed to nine other American and Anglo-American multimillionaires that they should do the same, \$100,000 would have been raised, and not even Mr. James Gordon Bennett's own newspaper would have known about it.

There is nothing small about New York's opinion of itself, even under circumstances the most discouraging. Some years ago New York newspapers named the baseball team from that city the "Giants." Last year they were away down toward the tail end of the League clubs, yet fondly the papers of their own city spoke of them as the "Giants" still. This year they have managed to struggle up nearer the head, nothing to brag about, however, but once again and always they are "Giants."

Mr. Gage's Training. A Herald correspondent asked Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage what advice he would give to a young man just graduating and wishing to enter practical life. Mr. Gage answered, "To look around him and put his hand to the first honest work that offered, watching for the opportunities of doing it, but never trying to break open doors."

That has been Mr. Gage's plan all his life. When he was a boy, he worked in a fish, fruit and soda water store for \$5 a month and continued there two years. Throughout his young manhood his plan was the same. He took hold of whatever came to him and kept at it till he had saved a little money to get some more schooling or until a better place was offered to him.

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He was for awhile night watchman in a lumber mill for \$10 a year. In every place he kept his eyes open and learned everything he could. While he was night watchman a place in a bank was offered to him at \$600 a year. In the banking business he at length seemed to strike his gait. He was promoted rapidly from one place to another

er till he became a bank president. Mr. Gage does not consider a college education necessary for any except those who intend to enter a profession. Blessings of the Bicycle. Dr. A. L. Benedict writes in The Century: There is many a middle aged or elderly professional man, exchanging daily fat for firm muscle, increasing his living space, toning up his circulation and putting old age to the carriage lobby of direct car for a bicycle. The wheel is also effecting a radical change in the habits of many aged men.

One of the most interesting, at the same time one of the least known, countries is Alaska. Instead of being one tribe of dark brown skinned Indians there are four different races of people among the native Alaskans, and there is a different religion for each race. The Lutheran missionaries work among the Alaskan Eskimos in the west and northwest. The Presbyterians have the Klondike in the southeast, the Episcopalians the Athabascans in the Yukon valley, the Methodists the Aleutian Islanders.

A noteworthy achievement in construction is the monster diving bell devised by W. G. Smith. It is of steel, 8 feet high and 18 feet around. It is fitted with a telephone and a huge electric light. The electric light is upon the outside of the bell and illuminates the bottom of the sea for a wide distance, the diver looking through heavy windows in the sides of the bell. Such is its efficiency that in a late experiment six men went down in the machine to a depth of 250 feet in Lake Michigan, all returned, and remained at the bottom of the lake six hours.

Since the repeal of the silver coinage law in 1893 the export of the white metal from this country has increased. Naturally mine owners sought a market abroad when they could not find one at home. Our silver export in 1893 was \$6,250,000. It now continues to average about \$11,500,000 annually.

Such a depth of wickedness was reached by a person in Philadelphia on the 6th of July. An old man who used to belong to one of the city's volunteer fire companies went with members of the organization to celebrate the day. They had fireworks with them. Most of the old man's companions exploded their powder early in the day. The veteran saved one dynamite firecracker to shoot off after dark. It was a very large one and he carried it under his arm. The criminal practical joker slipped up behind the fireman and lighted the fuse of the dynamite cracker. There came a blinding flash and a roar as if a small cannon had been discharged. The violence of the explosion hurled the old fireman against a wall.

A physician, who was called at once, found the explosion had torn the flesh from the victim's right side and injured his lung and that several of his ribs and his right arm had been broken. He died in agony shortly after. As an actual fact the man who lighted the fuse was the old man's murderer and should be held accountable accordingly.

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CHURCHES. METHODIST Episcopal Church: Services held every Sabbath at 11 o'clock; Sabbath school at 12 m. Evening services at 7:30 p. m. Young people's meeting at 8:15. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Every body invited to these meetings. J. G. CLARK, Pastor.

CATHOLIC Church services the third Sunday in each month. High Mass at 10 a. m., Vespers at 7:30 p. m. FREE Reading Room open daily (Sunday excepted) from 9:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. Children under 12 not admitted after 7:30 p. m. Mrs. M. M. GARDNER, Librarian.

SECRET SOCIETIES. A. F. & M. Star in the West Lodge, regular communications first and third Wednesday in each month at 7:30 p. m. in Masonic hall. Visiting brothers are invited.

LOCAL REVENUES. Ice cream soda at P. O. on Saturdays. Frank C. Clark proved up on his homestead Tuesday. Boiled oil 75c per gallon at Potter's. A. E. Ellis loaded a car of grain this week to be shipped to Cinnabar.

Rev. W. H. Watson will preach in the Congregational church tomorrow at 11 and 8. Potter sells miners squibs at 15c per box. Miss Adella Johnston, the Rock creek school teacher, was a visitor to the county seat this week.

Best machine oil for 50c a gallon at Potter's. Mrs. M. A. Kearns, county superintendent of schools, was called to Rockvale on official business Thursday. Tents, wagon sheets and padlins at Potter's cheap.

S. W. Langhorne, the noted land lawyer of Helena, looked over the coal metropolis for a few days this week. Western washers at Potter's for \$5.00. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chapman came in from their Wyoming ranch Wednesday and remained in town a few days.

Soda water for sale at the postoffice. Artist A. A. Anderson Mrs. and Miss Anderson came in from the Puleto ranch, where they have been spending the summer, Thursday. Buggies and wagons at reduced prices at Potter's.

Frank Dvorak, manager of the Gold Reef Mining company, in the Wood River district, was a guest of the Hotel Spafford for a few days this week. D. J. Nelson came in from the Sunlight mines the first of the week and spent several days recuperating from his arduous task of mountain climbing.

Ground is now being broken for the erection of a large brick store building for W. A. Talmage on Billings avenue north of the Improvement company's block. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Haynes came up from Laurel Sunday and went out to Rosebud lake Monday morning for a short outing. Mrs. Leonard Talbott joined them in their trip to the lake.

Brewer Julius Lehrkind came over from Bozeman Thursday and will at once put a force of mechanics at work to erect a corrugated iron building on his lot on Billings avenue opposite the Hotel Spafford. A car is being loaded with grain at this place by W. R. Hall for shipment to Gebo or Billings, the shipper not yet having decided to which point he will bill the car as good offers have been made from both places.

Rev. J. G. Clark, who has had charge of the Methodist congregation in this city for the past two years, leaves today for Billings where he will spend a few days before proceeding on his way to the general conference. W. B. Calloun has been engaged in taking the school census this week and has succeeded in securing 518 names on the register already. The number of pupils who will attend school in Red Lodge the coming term bids fair to be larger than ever.

Married.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kent in this city, Wednesday afternoon, August 11th 1897, Mr. W. M. Gebo to Miss Anna Tennant, Rev. J. G. Clark officiating. The young couple embark on their new life with the best wishes of a host of their Red Lodge friends. The Merritt ball club will again try conclusions with the Junior ball players of this city tomorrow afternoon on the grounds at this place. Both of these clubs play good ball and as they are practicing for the coming contest we may look for some sharp and decisive playing at this game.

Edward I. Downham, who was thrown from a wagon and severely injured about the head south of town on Tuesday last week, died in this city Wednesday, August 10th. Deceased came from Erie, Colorado, where he was a member of Erie Lodge of Odd Fellows. The local lodge of the order took charge of the remains and interred them in the Red Lodge cemetery according to their impressive ceremonies. James A. Virtue has just finished burning a kiln of brick at his yards near town which promise to eclipse anything in that line yet produced in Carbon county. The brick shown us were taken from the top of the kiln where, it is said by brick makers, good brick are seldom found but in this instance the brick are hard and appear to be equal to any ordinary sewer brick. Mr. Virtue says that he will put his product on the market Monday morning and that he anticipates a ready sale for them. The cheapest brick ever shipped in to this place have cost thirteen dollars a thousand laid down.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Foster arrived from Arkansas yesterday and will remain here. Grant has been gone about four years and is glad to get back. The L. X. Co. have received a fine consignment of dry goods and hats this week. This firm are continually adding to their already large stock of clothing, dry goods and furnishings and their stock in these lines is so varied that there is no trouble for a purchaser to make a satisfactory selection. Ed Burns came very near being killed from the accidental discharge of a shot gun yesterday. The gun was standing in a corner of the house and slipped down striking in such a manner as to fire it off. Mr. Burns received considerable burnt powder in his face, the shot going into the logs of the house.

The base ball diamond in this city will be occupied tomorrow morning by nines chosen from the 1st and 2nd east ends of the slope at the mines. The contest is the outcome of an argument on the process of the men employed in the two parts of the mine and they will decide the question on the ball field and incidentally see who will pay for a barrel or two of beer. The total assessed valuation of Carbon county for the year 1897 is \$1,368,099. For 1896 the assessment was \$1,269,272. This shows a falling off, notwithstanding the increase of two dollars per head on stock cattle and the raise on the railroad assessment by the state board of equalization, of about \$1271. The increase on stock and railroad amounts to nearly \$35,000 and were it not for these two items Carbon county would be far behind in point of wealth, of what she was last year.

J. R. Painter was in from the Sunlight mining district this week for a few days this week and while here let a contract for 250 feet of tunneling on the Evening Star mine. Mr. Painter will also employ a force of miners to sink a 50-foot shaft on the vein of the same property and straighten up the tunnel run in last winter. The ore taken out of this mine will be brought to this place and shipped east as soon as it is possible to get things in working order, which will take about three or four weeks.

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The six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Castlebury was dragged to death by a horse on Saturday morning last at Roberts. Mr. Castlebury was engaged in hitching his team in front of the house and handed his little boy the halter rope attached to one of the horses to hold. The boy passed the rope around his waist and the next instant the team, which had not yet been attached to the vehicle, started and the child was jerked under the horses' feet. That frightened the animal and before Mr. Castlebury had time to grab hold of the lines, the team dashed forward on the run. The rope was just long enough to bring the boy under the horses' hind feet, whose cruel hoofs stamped on the little fellow's life. The child was dragged nearly 300 yards before the rope was loosened from around his body, and when the distracted father, who had given chase, reached the child's side, the boy was unconscious and dying from his terrible injuries. Picking up the child, the father ran as fast as he could to the house, where the poor little fellow gave a few gasps and passed away in the arms of his mother. The body was buried in the Red Lodge cemetery.

A Neat Compliment. Under the caption of "Some Lower Towns," Editor Yerkes, in this week's issue of the Bozeman Chronicle, pays Red Lodge, among other east side cities, a very neat compliment, which we quote for the benefit of those who take an interest in the advancement of the town: "Red Lodge too feels the effects of added age. It is no longer a straggling camp, but a clean, slightly little city, with sidewalks and crosswalks, thus conveying at once to the mind the idea that the citizens no longer dwell in doubt as to its future. It takes some time for a new town to ignore its vicinity. Every whisper of newer towns fills it with alarm and delays its progress. Such has been the case with Red Lodge, though strange as it may seem, it has the greatest deposit of coal under its depths, to back and build it up ever unconquered in Montana. It is the county seat and has surrounding it an agricultural country which will for years offer to the homeseeker that for which he must look elsewhere in vain. We are pleased to note that in Red Lodge permanent store buildings are going up, pleasant homes are being built and owned by those who have come to regard Red Lodge as home. This is calculated to give others faith and permit the town to go forward to a destiny that awaits all cities built upon limitless resources.

Tax Levy. The tax levy for Carbon county for 1897 is as follows: General fund.....10 mills Contingent fund.....4 mills Bridge fund.....1 mill Road fund.....2 mills Int. on bonds.....2 1/2 mills State fund.....2 1/2 mills Total.....22 1/2 mills SPECIAL LEVY. Stock indemnity fund..... 1/2 mill Stock Insp. and Det. fund..... 1 1/2 mills Stock bounty..... 1 1/2 mills