

Additional Local.

Sam Elmen is building an addition to his hotel property.

George Taff returned Saturday from a trip to Helena.

Sam Gebro yesterday returned from a business trip to Gebro.

H. W. Ingalls has resigned his position as city reporter on The Picket.

Alderman F. Freeman of the I. X. L. made a business visit to Gebro the first of the week.

Supt. Henry Welch of the Carbon Coal company was a Red Lodge visitor the first of the week.

Otto Frank, the wealthy Wyoming cattleman, arrived in the city today from his Graybull ranch enroute to New York.

Mrs. J. M. Fox and daughter, Miss Lilly Fox, returned last Saturday from an extended visit in Missouri and Texas.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Carbon County bank has been adjourned until next Wednesday.

W. B. Sleeper, who has been on a business and pleasure trip to New York, returned on Saturday, and left the same day for his cattle ranch in Wyoming.

What's the use of sending east for your calling cards when you can get the latest styles handsomely printed at The Picket office, and at prices as low as the lowest? 18tf.

Ed Harshberger of Willow creek met with an accident last Friday while getting out timber in the mountains south of the city, when he was struck by a falling tree and sustained a dislocation of his left shoulder. Dr. Kelley rendered the necessary surgical attention.

A. P. Gillies has filed on a homestead close to De Maris Hot Springs, in Big Horn county, Wyo., and writes from Cody that he will shortly begin the erection of a hotel on his ranch and with the assistance of eastern capitalists expects to make of the place a sort of pleasure resort.

J. M. Andersen, who has received two diplomas and three first prizes at leading exhibitions for photographic work, is now managing Mr. Bougainville's new photo studio. Mr. Andersen has made photos in Norway, Sweden and Finland. Everybody is invited to call and see samples of our fine work. 26f2

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John R. Hughes, the Sunlight mining man who has been engaged the past few weeks on contract work on J. R. Painter's Silver Tip mine, arrived in the city last Saturday. Mr. Hughes says that work on the Silver Tip has been suspended and that 400 feet of tunnel yet remains to be driven before the ore body is encountered. Mr. Hughes expects to return to Sun in about ten days to make some improvements on his ranch in the basin.

At the annual meeting of the Congregational church held the 2nd inst. the following officers were elected: Deacons, George W. Burke and George Baumgartner; clerk, Mrs. George H. Bailey; treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Connor; Sunday school superintendent, Alfred E. Flager; trustee for three years, George H. Bailey. A vote of thanks was passed to the officers, Ladies' society, organist and choir for their faithful and efficient services in the past year.

Miss Mable Hayek celebrated her eighth birthday Wednesday afternoon with a pretty party given her little friends at the residence of her grandparents. County Commissioner and Mrs. W. F. Tinkoom. The children had a delightful time playing games and feasting on good things. Those present were: Gladys and Margaret Watson, Ruth and Marie Flager, Alice Pratt, Lucille Armstrong, Jessie McIntosh, Blondine Hays, Edna Kay and Max Burke.

Conductor Frank Scott of the Red Lodge branch is now running a passenger train between Billings and Helena, having taken the place of Conductor Wessel, who was so badly injured in the Billings yards last Sunday morning as to necessitate his being taken to the Northern Pacific hospital at Missoula. P. H. Gallagher, the old-time conductor on the Red Lodge train, has taken Conductor Scott's place and it is said that the latter will continue permanently on the passenger run.

J. H. Bigger of Chance returned the past week from Omaha, Neb., where his wife is visiting with her parents. The Gazette of Billings states that Mr. Bigger has made arrangements to open a stock exchange and live stock brokerage office in that city.

Kathryn A. Feeley, the county superintendent, yesterday received a communication from State Superintendent Carlton of Helena, giving the list of the books selected for this year's reading circle work. They consist of "McMurray's Method of Recitation," "Talks on the Study of Literature" and the four great classics, "Burke's Speech on Conciliation," "Coleridge's Ancient Mariner," "The Vision of Sir Launfal" and "The Holy-Grail."

Livingston Enterprise: Mark Boughton returned this week from the Sunlight mining district in Wyoming, where he has been looking after the mining interests of himself and E. B. Wittich. The district in which their mines are located promises to have a boom on account of Henry Villard having invested heavily in it, and among the mines which will be the best producers of the camp are those owned by Mr. Boughton and Mr. Wittich.

The board of county commissioners met in special session yesterday, and are struggling with the bond proposition. The Union Bank & Trust company of Helena have refused to take the issue of \$43,000 worth of bonds, sold to them on their premium bid of \$195, claiming that they cannot be legally issued because the outstanding warrants on some of the funds are in excess of \$10,000. The commissions have wired the Cruise Savings bank, the next lowest bidder, asking if they want the bonds.

In accordance with a custom that finds observance in the Catholic churches throughout Christendom at the end of every quarter of a century, and by virtue of a special dispensation issued by the Pope of Rome, midnight or pontifical mass was celebrated at St. Agnes church at 12 o'clock New Year's eve by Rev. Father Van Clarenbeck. A large number of communicants were in attendance and the solemn services, interspersed with choir music and an address by the priest, lasted fully an hour and a half.

The Christmas tree exercises at the Catholic church New Year's eve attracted an audience of adults and children that filled every available seat and put standing room at a premium. The church was tastefully decorated and the huge Christmas tree, brilliant with wax candles, was fairly loaded down with presents and candy. After the rendition of a fine musical and literary program by the Sunday school, the tree was relieved of its load and all the children were made happy with Christmas gifts and confectiories.

Rev. W. H. Watson will commence next Sunday morning in the Congregational church a series of sermons supplementing the International Sunday school course of lessons on The Life of Christ. These sermons will not interfere with the work of the Sunday school, but will handle in lecture form certain salient points for the consideration of which sufficient time cannot be given in the classes. Everybody interested in the course of study is invited to attend. The service commences at 11 o'clock. There will be evening service also at 7:30.

County Attorney Reno yesterday departed overland for Bridger to be present at the preliminary hearing of the case of the state against Tom Brewington, the rancher who recently stabbed Frank Babcock of Gebro and inflicted a dangerous wound. The accused who is out on bail, will have his examination before Justice Stone today on the charge of assault in the first degree. The injured man, who was at first thought to have been fatally cut, is now considered entirely out of danger and is rapidly recovering from the effects of the wound in the abdomen.

John Hudson, writing from Nye City in relation to the recently organized Carbon County Stock association, says: We agreed to pay \$20 bounty on wolves. Officers were elected for the ensuing year and a constitution was adopted. An assessment of five cents per head was levied on all stock owned by the members. The next meeting will be held at Absarokee in June, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. Charlie Anderson was the first to claim the bounty of \$20. The association expects to have at least \$1000 in the treasury by the June meeting.

PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVEMENT.

Committees Appointed to Solicit Subscriptions and Petition City Council.

The movement having for its object the establishment of a free public library in Red Lodge is meeting with general encouragement, and the way it looks now it is reasonably safe to say that the plans now on foot will shortly find complete fruition. The initial meeting was held last Friday evening in the new Italian hall, being called to order by Alex. Fairgrieve. Rev. W. H. Watson was made chairman and B. A. Harlan secretary. It appeared that over \$900 had been pledged towards the library by members of the Red Lodge Miner's union and that a petition praying the city council to submit to the qualified electors at the spring election a proposition to authorize that body to make an annual levy of one mill on all taxable property within the city limits for library purposes had been circulated and signed by over 200 citizens. As the law makes it compulsory on the part of the council to submit this question when petitioned so to do by 100 taxpayers, it will be seen that the people are to be given a chance to vote on the proposition. In the event that it carries, the council will doubtless build a two-story city hall and fit up the second floor to be used as a council chamber and library room. It is figured that it will cost about \$1000 to equip the library with necessary books and periodicals and that of this amount something like \$650 or \$700 will have to be raised by private subscription. In order to get the movement fairly started, two committees have been appointed and a mass meeting called for this evening, when the objects and purposes will be clearly outlined and thoroughly discussed. The committees as now constituted are composed of Rees Day's, Henry Rosetta and Rev. W. H. Watson, and Dr. E. T. Lutz, B. A. Harlan and Alex. Fairgrieve. The first three named gentlemen compose the soliciting committee, while the last three named gentlemen make up the committee to present the petition to the city council.

HAD A MERRY TIME.

The Good People of Joliet Entertained Santa Claus in Style.

After partaking of their bounteous Christmas dinners, in which roast turkey, roast pig and sweet potatoes played prominent parts, the people of Joliet, together with the ranchers and their families who live in the vicinity, gathered at the Methodist church, where a very creditable program was rendered by the young folks, which, together with the excellent music, received round after round of applause. Mrs. Graff presided at the organ, and she was ably assisted by a choir composed of Mesdames Fowler, Hale and McCullough and Messrs. Stiles, Metheny, Stephens and Boughtman. Selections on the mandolin by C. F. Gilbert, guitar by W. Boughtman and cornet by Claud Hudson were also very much appreciated by the audience. The affair was admirably managed all the way through by a committee composed of Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Harry Duffield, Mrs. Sam Young and others, who did themselves proud in their efforts to please. There was candy, nuts and pop corn galore and everybody received something and went home happy.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little James Hanley Celebrates His Anniversary With Considerable Ecstacy.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Hanley was yesterday the scene of a brilliant children's party, when James Hanley celebrated the seventh anniversary of his birth. A large number of his schoolmates were present by invitation and had a grand, good time. A splendid repast was served by Mrs. Hanley and the little host was the recipient of many pretty presents. Those in attendance were: Miss M. Deegan, Paul Steere, Ralph Hinds, Willard Hogan, Roy Nutting, Willie Hanley, Olive Schlosser, Glenn Davis, Raymond Bowlen, Wain Bowlen, John J. Weaver, Mary Lyon, Willie O'Connor, Clarence Hanley, Robert Lyon, Frank O'Connor, Martin Lyon and Harry Hanley.

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HOW A BELL IS TUNED.

With a Little the Pitch May Be Easily Changed.

The bell, which is a musical instrument, may be likened to an organ pipe, and the physical laws of the latter are therefore applicable to it in a general way. Consequently, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, of two bells of identical external aspect and of the same total diameter the thinner will give the lowest note, and of two bells of equal thickness and of equal diameter the shorter will give the highest note. Therefore in order to raise the tone of a bell it will be necessary to lessen its bore in order to shorten it, and in order to lower its note it will suffice to ream it out in order to increase its diameter.

The operation of tuning is performed as follows: The bell is placed upon a lathe and firmly fixed thereto by the crown. If it be desired to lower the note, a tool is placed opposite the swell, and the bell is slowly revolved so as to detach a thin shaving of bronze. This operation is continued, and more and more metal is removed as far as the rim. Meanwhile the bell emits a continuous sound, of which the tonality becomes lower and lower. The tuner, who must possess a perfectly correct ear, compares this sound with the vibration of his tuning fork. As soon as the latter and the bell vibrate in unison he stops the motion, and the operation is finished.

When it is a question of raising the note, the bell is placed on the lathe, as in the preceding case, and the tool is placed opposite the mouth and made to attack the edge. In measure as the operation proceeds the sound emitted by the bell becomes sharper. The moment at which the exact note is reached is shown by the tuning fork. It may be readily seen that it is easier to lower the tone of a bell than it is to raise it. Sonorous bells generally possess a thickness greater than that of the limit—one-fourteenth of the diameter and one that permits of reaming them sufficiently to lower their note by a tone. There are certain bells, such as the 7,920 pound one of Montreux, that are so thick that they might easily be rendered two tones graver.

London's Insatiable Thirst.

During the months of June, July and August the consumption of aerated waters goes up with leaps and bounds, and soda may be almost said to be the temporary national beverage in summer time. The total amount of soda water consumed is startling when it is made manifest by figures. In London alone there are more than 4,000 public houses, to say nothing of the many places in which temperance drinks are alone provided. Investigations show that in a large hotel bar or buffet some 14, 15 or 16 dozen bottles of soda water are used every day during the hot weather. This, moreover, is by no means an overestimated amount. In a smaller place of refreshment from three to four dozen is a very ordinary day's order. Most private houses nowadays are provided with a machine for making soda water. For a small expenditure five pints of excellent soda water can be made by any housewife. Imagination utterly fails to picture a machine big enough to contain the cubic mass of soda water disposed of during a hot day in London. One bottle for each place of refreshment is, of course, absurd. When one takes into account the probable consumption in places like the Earl's Court exhibition and the Crystal palace one gets a faint idea of its greatness. One might sell for hours upon such a soda water lake—London Mail.

Fruits For the Aged.

Physiologists claim that the growth from infancy to old age is a gradual process of ossification and that the stiffness of age is caused by the deposits of calcareous matter or earthy salts. Therefore a diet containing a large proportion of these salts, food rich in nitrogen, such as the cereals, beans, peas and meat, increases the natural tendency to ossification. For this reason a diet made up largely of fruit, which contains a minimum amount of this calcareous matter, is scientifically best adapted to persons in advancing years. Large eaters add to the liability of ossific deposits from overworking the eliminating organs by an excess of nutritive material until their healthful activity is destroyed, and the whole system suffers in consequence. Old age indicates less food and a maximum amount of fruit in the diet.—Popular Science.

PLIMPTONED THEIR TROTH.

A Popular Bridger Couple United in Marriage at Billings.

The Billings Gazette states that at the Catholic church on Thursday of last week Rev. Father Van Clarenbeck united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Gideon F. McDonald and Miss Sarah H. Horner, both of Bridger. The contracting parties are well known residents of Carbon county. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Horner, while the groom is a brother of T. P. McDonald, manager of the Bridger mine, and a promising young business man of that place. Mrs. Horner, mother of the bride, accompanied the couple to Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald returned to Bridger, where a reception was tendered them by the bride's parents, and where they received the congratulations and best wishes of numerous friends.

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The Picket has just printed several thousand warrant blanks for the use of the clerks of the various school districts of Carbon county. They contain stubs and are in regular form for drawing warrants on the county treasurer. The blanks are nicely bound in books of 100 and these books can be had at this office for the low price of \$1 each. Order before the supply is exhausted. 1 f

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