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WATER AND MURDER

February Term of District Court Promises to Be Longest One in History of County.

RED LODGE CREEK SUIT

There are Nineteen Plaintiffs and Twice as Many Defendants "Cuckoo" Trying to Starve Himself.

Two water suits, in one of which the defendants number 180, will be on the calendar for trial at the February term of court. One of the cases is entitled George Jackson et al. vs. Herman Kuhl et al. and the other case bears title of the Granite Ditch company vs. William Anderson et al. The former has to do with water rights upon Rock creek. It is in the latter named cause that the defendants number 180.

The Red Lodge creek suit was commenced last summer, when George Jackson instituted action against Herman Kuhl, charging him with the use of water to which Jackson, as tiler of an earlier appropriation, claims title. The plaintiffs and defendants were added to until the former now number nineteen and the latter thirty-eight.

The Rock creek suit was instituted in December last. The plaintiffs in this cause number twenty nine and the defendants have been added to until they number nearly 200.

In both cases it is the intention to fully establish the water rights of all those who use the waters of the streams for irrigation. The plaintiffs allege that the defendants above them upon the streams are taking more water than they have a right to under the law and that they (the plaintiffs), with first rights to the use of the stream, are thus cut off from their supply of water. The date of application for water right will have to be shown by each one of the parties to the suit, as well as the amount of water he has a right to demand, and upon priority of claim will depend the amount of water each user is entitled to.

The Red Lodge creek suit will be tried this term, but the Rock creek suit will go over the term. It will take several weeks to try the Red Lodge creek suit and it would be impossible to determine the rights of all parties in both suits at one term of court.

The suits have enlisted the legal talent of the entire Carbon county bar and nearly every attorney has from a dozen to a hundred clients interested in either one side or other of the two controversies.

"CUCKOO" IS EATING AGAIN.
Alleged Bridger Murderer Concludes Not to Prolong His Fast.

It looks now as if "Cuckoo" Bilant, the alleged murderer would be preserved all right enough for trial at the February term of court. For the first time for a week he partook of nourishment last Sunday morning. Sheriff Potter informed the prisoner that he could either

eat or food would be administered to him by physicians. "Cuckoo" ate some toast and that evening was fed some bovine soup, since which time he has been eating with some regularity. The sheriff is of the opinion that the Austrian is losing his nerve and that his recent sickness was largely the result of fear.

It is understood that the defense will set up the plea of insanity, which is taken to mean that the homicide will be admitted as having been committed by "Cuckoo."

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WANTS TO BE A CORPSE

Fred Lavell, an Old Soldier, Buys a Gun With Intention of Committing Suicide.

WOULD DIE ANY OLD WAY

After Being Relieved of Weapon the Old Veteran Offers Money to Secure His Taking Off.

Ed Oleott had a chance to kill a fellow yesterday morning for a dollar and a half, and came very near accepting the offer. The fellow's name who was so anxious to have somebody end his career is Fred Lavell, who last week went to Livingston to be examined for an increase of pension. Lavell served in the civil war with a Michigan regiment and has been a resident of Red Lodge for a number of years. He is a German by birth and batches in a cabin on the old baseball grounds. He has been out of employment for some time and evidently has become despondent.

Yesterday morning he appeared at Oleott's hardware store and asked for cartridges for a revolver. Mr. Oleott, not having cartridges to fit the gun which Lavell carried, showed him a six shooter out of the case. Lavell purchased the revolver and a box of cartridges and loaded the gun. As soon as he had done this he declared that he was tired of living and was going to kill himself. Mr. Oleott, seeing that the fellow was apparently determined in his purpose, adopted a ruse whereby he hoped to get possession of the six-shooter. He told Lavell that he believed the trigger was broken and asked to see the gun for a moment. Lavell, however, wouldn't part with the weapon and Mr. Oleott then asked Lavell if he wouldn't go over town with him and get a drink. The offer was accepted and the two men started for a saloon. On the way over, Mr. Oleott met Under Sheriff Gebro and told him that Lavell had just purchased a gun with the intention of killing himself and that he wouldn't give it up. The officer followed the man into the saloon and immediately searched Lavell and took both weapons from him.

About two hours later Lavell again appeared at the hardware store and declared that he was in earnest about wanting to shuffle off. This time the old soldier was considerably under the influence of liquor, and Mr. Oleott endeavored to get the suicide idea out of the fellow's head by joking with him. He said, "If you want to die, Fred, I'll tell you what I'll do: I'll just kill you right here for a dollar and a half."

To this proposition Lavell readily consented and laid the money down on the desk and asked Oleott to get a gun and do the job. Oleott told Lavell that hanging was the easiest kind of a death and said he'd fix him that way. He then secured a rope, made a noose in one end and threw the other end over a ceiling support in the store. He adjusted the noose in proper shape around Lavell's neck and drew down slightly on the loose end. As he did so Lavell set his teeth and braced himself for the ordeal. In order to test the fellow still further Oleott, who weighs nearly 200 pounds, threw his entire weight on the rope and drew it down until Lavell's toes barely touched the floor. The fellow remained perfectly motionless and rigid and gave every indication of being of the opinion that he was going to be hanged until he was dead. Seeing that Lavell actually desired to die, Oleott loosened the rope, whereupon the would-be suicide begged Oleott to make the rope fast to the ceiling support, stating that if he would do this he would get up on a chair, adjust the noose himself and jump off.

After talking with Lavell in a more serious strain, Oleott allowed the fellow to leave the store, watching him as he disappeared down the street. It is presumed that Lavell finally went to his cabin and, as nothing further has been heard from him, it is supposed that he has not yet accomplished his suicidal desire. Lavell's sudden freak is not attributable to drink, for he was perfectly sober when he first appeared at the hardware store and purchased the gun. He is not much of a drinking man, anyway, and yesterday was the first time

that he has been seen under the influence of liquor.

LIST OF CASES.

Court Docket for Coming Term Contains Many Civil Causes.

Board of County Commissioners of Custer County vs. Alex Handley; taxes; at issue. J. J. Porter for plaintiff, Geo. R. Milburn for defendant.

A. J. Steele, receiver, vs. W. F. Meyer; recovery; on demurrer. J. J. Walsh for plaintiff.

Columbus Mercantile Company vs. A. L. Robertson; account; service incomplete. W. F. Meyer for plaintiff.

James H. Bradley vs. Northern Pacific Railway Company; damages. Geo. W. Pierson and W. F. Meyer for plaintiff.

G. M. Simpson vs. Northern Pacific Railway Company; damages; on motion to relax costs. G. W. Pierson and W. F. Meyer for plaintiff, Wm. Wallace, jr. for defendant.

William N. Bullington vs. A. A. Bullington; injunction; at issue. E. Butler for plaintiff, W. F. Meyer for defendant.

Sarah Elizabeth Owens vs. Samuel Owens; divorce. L. O. Caswell for complainant, W. F. Meyer for defendant.

C. C. Bowen vs. T. H. Barlow; account; default of defendant entered. L. O. Caswell for plaintiff.

The Western Drug Company vs. John Dunn and the Union Bank and Trust Company; for judgment on pleadings. Edward Horsky for plaintiff, G. W. Pierson for defendant.

Jane Young vs. Charles E. Young; divorce. F. C. Woodward for complainant, G. W. Pierson for defendant.

The Red Lodge Townsite Company vs. Rocky Fork Coal Company, et al.; petition in equity. O. F. Goddard for plaintiff, William Wallace, jr. for defendants.

The Bridger Coal Company vs. the Clarke Fork Coal Mining Company; debt. C. L. Merrill for plaintiff, W. F. Meyer for defendant.

The Bridger Coal Company vs. W. B. Graham & Son; debt. C. L. Merrill for plaintiff.

The Carbon Mercantile Company vs. Fred Seaman; debt; default of defendant entered for want of answer. George H. Bailey for plaintiff.

Red Lodge Townsite Company vs. M. Minars; claim and delivery; at issue. George W. Pierson for plaintiff, Sydney Fox for defendant.

Louis Glodt vs. Louis Peterson; condemnation. E. Butler for plaintiff, W. F. Meyer for defendant.

J. A. Underwood vs. City of Red Lodge; damages; motion for new trial. George W. Pierson and Fox & Fox for plaintiff.

W. J. Estes vs. Peter Boyer et al.; damages; on defendant's motion to strike out complaint. Fox & Fox for plaintiff, George W. Pierson for defendants.

Ada Brown vs. Charles Le Noir; appeal from justice court. F. C. Woodward for plaintiff, C. L. Merrill for defendant.

The Link Belt Machinery company vs. the Clarke Fork Coal Mining company; debt. G. W. Pierson for plaintiff, W. F. Meyer for defendant.

William Thiel vs. W. H. Owen; injunction; motion to adopt findings of jury submitted. W. F. Meyer for plaintiff, L. O. Caswell for defendant.

G. J. Jackson et al. vs. Herman Kuhl; W. F. Meyer and John T. Smith for plaintiffs, Fox & Fox and Luce & Luce for defendants.

Francis A. Harney et al. vs. Samuel L. Tuttle et al.; injunction on motion to adopt findings of jury. Fox and Meyer for plaintiffs, G. W. Pierson for defendant.

Robert W. Britton vs. John Heide; injunction on motion to adopt findings of jury. George W. Pierson for plaintiff, W. F. Meyer for defendant.

Kivikangas & Karvonen vs. W. G. Brough; debt. G. W. Pierson for plaintiff.

Walter A. Wood Mowing & Reaping Machine company vs. James McGinnis; promissory note. George H. Bailey for plaintiff, W. F. Meyer for defendant.

M. M. Jamison vs. Clarke Fork Coal

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Tame and Uninteresting Session and Only Routine Business Was Transacted.

NEW NORTHERN PACIFIC AGENT.

A. H. Holder Has Succeeded E. J. Bardwell and Tongues Are Now Talking.

E. J. Bardwell, the Northern Pacific agent who was transferred from Big Timber to this city some two months ago to take the place of Agent Talbott, was Wednesday relieved of his position and was yesterday succeeded by A. H. Holder, who has been temporarily in charge of the Joliet station as relief agent. The old agent was checked out and the new agent checked in by Auditor Stearns of Helena, who is still in the city in his capacity as special examiner for the company. It is stated that Mr. Bardwell has been dismissed from the service of the Northern Pacific but the auditor declines to give out any information as to the cause therefor.

DEALS IN DIRT.

List of Real Estate Transfers Filed For Record the Past Week.

Thomas Alice to Oliver Woolman, lot 1, block 12, O. P. Red Lodge, \$1,225.00
J. M. Leaman and wife to H. H. Caldwell, lot 3, block 30, O. P. Red Lodge, 207.00
D. G. Sullivan, et al. to James Houry, et al. ditch and water rights on lots 1, 2, 3, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 18, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 1, Tp. 7 S., R. 30 E., 300.00
D. G. Sullivan, et al. to M. M. Draper, lots 1, 2, 3, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 18, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 1, Tp. 7 S., R. 30 E., 200.00
Andrew Pokkarinen and wife to John Manner and wife, lot 3, block 13, O. P. Red Lodge, 1290.00
A. J. Edvall, receiver, to Martin Holm, SE 1/4, Sec. 18, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 10, NW 1/4, Sec. 20, Tp. 4 S., R. 25 E., containing 120 acres, 180.00
William Pultro, 200 inches of water of Rock creek.

FREE FROM SMALLPOX.

The City's Last Case Was Released From Quarantine Yesterday.

"The last case of smallpox in the city was released from quarantine today," said County Physician Butler yesterday afternoon, "and there are no cases in the county that I know of at present, except the two at Carbonado." This is the first time since the cold weather began that the city has been entirely free of the disease.

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